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### Campus

#### **HEALTH FORUM**

A health fee forum will be held at noon on March 14 on the third floor of the Union. The forum is planned to help ease student concerns about the fee. For more information contact Student Senate at 562-1218.

#### DRESSING IN DRAG

Northwest hosted its 3rd annual drag show March 3. The Union Ballroom was standing room only.



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### Loca

#### **FOREIGN TRADES**

Director of Public Safety Keith Wood returned from a 10 day mission trip in Panama, where they assisted the Nogobe Tribe.

### Lifestyles

#### PIECE BY PIECE

A Northwest freshman considers himself another face in the crowd, yet copes with a disabili



#### National

#### SUPERMAN'S WIFE DIES

Dana Reeves, wife of Christopher Reeve's, dies Monday at age 44 of lung cancer. She died a year and a half after her husband succumbed to heart failure.

#### **BASEBALL LEGEND DIES**

Baseball Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett dies Monday after suffering a strake over the weekend.

see 3B for column on his death

### Sports



MOVING ON

The men's basketball team travels to Boston for South Central region championships.

## Faculty quotas in limbo

By Sean Comer \$250622@nwmissouri.edu

With broad support from the Northwest Faculty Senate, a proposal to remove a "quota by rank" limitation on faculty promotions now finds itself on the way to Northwest's administration and Board of Regents for final approval.

The proposal cites Northwest's Key Quality Indicators and values to state the case that continuing to employ quotas that apply a percentage cap to tenure or tenure-tracked faculty at the ranks of full professor and associate professor risks harm

to the overall quality of the Northwest educational experience.

Northwest's tenured or tenuretracked faculty currently may not consist of more than 30 percent full professors and 30 percent associate professors. The University then may deny promotion to an assistant or associate professor meeting all other criteria, if maxed out at a given rank. To be eligible to receive consideration for tenure—which severely limits the University's ability to dismiss a faculty member-candidates must already meet detailed requirements, set forth in the Northwest Faculty Handbook,

in the areas of teaching, scholarship, student support and service.

Professors Richard Frucht and Patricia Lucido co-chaired a Faculty Senate committee to research the merits of and alternatives to Northwest's quota system after Northwest reached the quota limit for associate professors in 2005. Their proposal both noted that Northwest employs a system unique among Missouri universities and ruled out slackening other substantive requirements for promotion.

A quota system that stalls pro

see LIMBO on 8A

"A college student would rather spend 12 bucks on a pizza rather than have rental insurance,"

-Paul Drake, American Family Insurance agent



FIREFIGHTERS CHECK to see if any flames are hidden in the roof of an apartment located at 515 E. 7th St. in Parkway Village-Carson Apartments, March 5. Without rental insurance, Northwest student and tenant Keith Holden could be held responsible for all damages incurred at the property.

Without rental insurance residents could find themselves picking up the tab for more than expected in an emergency

By Stephanie Stangl S245651@nwmissouri.edu

He stepped out for a few minutes with his stove on.

But a few minutes was all it took for a grease fire to set Northwest student Keith Holden's apartment ablaze on 515 E. 7th St., March 5.

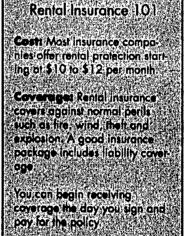
Holden maintains he has insurance. If the incident is construed as negligence and he doesn't have insurance, he could be responsible for not only his lost belongings but the surrounding tenants possessions and the entire apartment structure.

Without purchasing rental insurance, Maryville residents and Northwest students could find themselves in a similar predicament.

"Whoever was doing the cooking can be legally liable for that structure and damage to the other tenants property," said Dave Weigel, owner and agent at Shelter Insurance in Maryville. "There definitely could have been a big liability here."

Even if negligence isn't involved, the property owner remains responsible for only the structure—leaving tenants to pick up the bill for everything inside. Most rental insurance packages provide coverage for personal belongs as well as liability

see RISKY on 8A



### **Tuition** spikes for next fall

By Evan Young S271604@nwmissouri.edu

Northwest students can expect to see larger numbers when they open their University bills next fall.

The Board of Regents recently approved a 6 percent increase in tuition and fees for both in-state and out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Next year, the total in-state undergraduate tuition will rise to \$5,835 for two trimesters—an increase of \$300.

Out-of-state undergraduates will pay \$10,080, a \$540 hike from this year.

Tuition & Fees Room & Board **Tuition & Fees** Undergraduate In-State: \$5,835

2006-2007

Out-Of-State:

**Out-Of-State:** \$10,314

\$10,080

Graduate

In-State:

\$5,862

For instate graduate students, total tuition and fees come to \$5,682, up more than \$300, and out-ofstate graduates will pay \$10,314, an increase of \$582. In addition,

**Aladine Lite:** \$1,060 the Regents Aladine approved a 6.3 Regular: percent room \$1230 and board **Super Aladine:** increase, bring-\$1,400 ing the student

cost to a total of \$5,854 from \$5,492 this year.

The increases were proposed after University officials looked into how the institution was meeting a number of cost factors including employee retirement, Social Security, health insurance, student scholarships and student labor. Rising costs to maintain these benefits and programs, along with the need to keep up with technology demands, provoked a change in rates.

Another factor involved in the decision is state appropriations, which, though up 2 percent to \$30.4 million from last year, are still considered insufficient to help cover the Northwest's operating expenses.

Northwest president Dean Hubbard said during his 22 years at Northwest, the amount of funding provided to the University dropped steadily, going from making up 72 percent of the University's budget down to the current level of 42

The University proposed a \$63.8 million budget for 2006-2007, a spending increase of \$2.1 million. Part of this includes a salary increase for faculty and staff, which, according to Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services, hasn't been done for several years.

"If we don't take some positive

see SPIKES on 8A

## Blunt addresses area educators

Northwest benefits from expertise in math, plant science, general science

By Evan Young S271604@nwmissouri.edu

Gov. Matt Blunt put the spotlight on Missouri's educational progress during the opening ceremonies of Northwest's Centennial Education Conference last Thursday.

As the ceremony's keynote speaker, Blunt commended Northwest on its contributions in the math and science fields.

"It is evident that Northwest recognizes the importance of math and science expertise for Missourians," Blunt said. "I'm truly convinced that institutions like Northwest, who make the investments to elementary, secondary and higher education and research and development, will attract high-quality students, cutting

edge researchers and dynamic entrepreneurs to their campuses, cities, regions and to our state."

Blunt also touted his recently proposed \$450 million Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, which includes \$300 million in funding for 20 capital improvement projects for higher education.

One of these projects is the Center for Excellence in Plant Biologics, currently under construction on the Northwest campus, for which the Missouri government is providing \$11.7 million.

"If somebody were to ask you who is the global leader in plant sciences, you could say Missouri is," Blunt said. "We need to maximize

The initiative also includes a

\$100 million endowed scholarship fund for Missouri students, \$20 million for endowed professorships at Missouri universities and \$30 million to enhance growth and development of Missouri technology businesses. Blunt estimated that, in addition to attracting the "best and brightest" students to Missouri, the initiative would create, in the next three to four years, approximately 5,000 jobs with salaries of \$45,000 per year.

"This is truly an exciting, oncein-a-lifetime opportunity for our state, both economically and educationally. I ask you all for your support," Blunt said.

Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs, said Northwest

see EDUCATORS on 8A



GOV. MATT BLUNT also took time last week to break down his Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative. Part of his plan would help fund most of the "Center for Excellence in Plant Biologics" building currently under construction.

**CAMPUS**BRIEFS

## Sigma Society presents "One Fine Day"

The annual Sigma Society Bridal Show is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Doors open at noon for viewing of vendor displays, which will feature gowns, tuxedos and other wedding essentials offered by about 20 vendors from throughout the region.

There will also be exhibits featuring wedding planning services and products including photography, catering, decorating and entertainment.

The show, themed "One Fine Day," is free. Refreshments will be served and more than 20 door prizes given away. Prizes include free tuxedo rentals, disc jockey services, photography, catering, bath and body items and floral

### Flutist, harpist featured in faculty recital

Rebecca Dunnell, flutist and assistant professor of music at Northwest, will present a faculty recital at 8 p.m. Monday, March 13, in the Charles Johnson Theatre in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts

The concert features Dunnell and her husband, harpist Jim Palmer, playing works by Mozart, Bach, Enrique Granados and Charles

Admission is free. A reception with the artists

### Seats still available for Alternative Spring Break

Seats are still available for the weeklong Alternative Spring Break trip to Birmingham, Ala. beginning Sunday, March 19. For more information, contact Angela Perkins, coordinator of volunteer services, at 562-1954.

### Momix brings unique dance show to campus

Northwest's Encore performing arts series continues with the world-renowned Momix dance company at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

All tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building. Tickets are also available by telephone at 562-1212 or online at Nwmissouri.edu/tickets.

### Friends meet for ISO meal

By Jessica Lavicky S2545402@nwmissouri.edu

The aroma of ethnic food flooded nostrils of guests entering the top floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union last Saturday.

The International Student Organization filled the Ballroom to capacity as they presented "Around the World in 80 minutes," their 26th annual dinner.

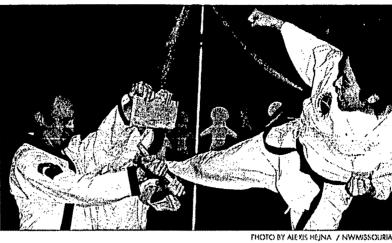
This year's theme focused on 19 different countries represented at Northwest.

ISO members, friends and hungry guests totaled 400.

"It was sad," said Praveena Kandasami, secretary of ISO. "We had to turn people away. There weren't enough seats."

Eighty-two different dishes lined the tables waiting for guests to devour. The buffet-style service allowed easy access to and from

Accompanying the evening feast was a Gospel Choir performance from the Alliance of Black Collegians.



HANA YOU provides and Master David Duvall perform in a Hapkido demonstration at the 26th Annual ISO Dinner. You, from Korea, is a brown belt in

Performers started their trip in the United States and headed to 19 different countries.

Different ISO members performed a small skit, song or performance that is special to that particular country.

Preparations for the event started last spring after the election of Mashfique Anwar, the new ISO

Four committees were formed to help with organization of the event. Recipes came in for all of the

special dishes. Ingredients came in by bulk from the local HyVee store, while special ingredients that were hard to come by were found in Kansas City, Mo.

"I was really happy with the community support." Anwar said. "I hope to see them again next year."

## **Arnot** shares career stories

By Kristin Summers S256506@nwmissouri.edu

Doctor, author, activist, veteran pilot and foreign correspondent journalist Bob Arnot shared many career experiences with students, faculty members and the community Monday evening.

Arnot's speech, "Backpack Journalism: A Discussion of World Issues," was part of Northwest's Distinguished Lecture series. In the lecture Arnot told stories of his travels all across the globe with various themes.

Arnot described dangerous situations he has overcome as a journalist in the Middle East and Africa while also tying in the history of Islamic countries. The war on terrorism and the "humanity war against terrorism" were also mentioned.

'Backpack journalism is absolutely fascinating," Arnot said explaining his life as a journalist.

Once referred by a colleague as "the most dangerous correspondent we have," Arnot shared adventures of saving lives and seeing lives cut short over in Iraq. He said all he needs is a one to three man crew and his backpack with his camera inside to get the stories no else can.

Amot, author of nine books, discussed making a difference with his active international relief efforts, giving children with cancer a chance to live, saving women from being sex slaves and helping as a doctor with the Save the Children

"These are high relevant issues in our world and can and should inspire students to think more globally," said Richard Frucht, professor and chair of the Department of history, humanities, philosophy and political science. "I was impressed by the way he spoke to the audience and not at them. He has a wonderful style that made the time fly by."

"It was interesting to hear about stories about journalism, the military and the all the risks," sophomore Robert DeGeorge said.

Senior Leslie Svoboda said she found the lecture to be inspiring and wants to look into his work.

"I really enjoyed it. All the stories told and the detail he used was fascinating," Svoboda said. "What caught my eye are the heroic efforts of medical professionals that we don't hear about everyday."

### Academy performs well at math competition

By Andrew Glover S270230@nwmissouri.edu

Students at the Missouri Academy of Mathematics, Science and Computing showed off their skills at the Great Plains Math League Competition Saturday, March 4.

This is a competition that tests high school students who show superior knowledge in the mathematics field, and allows them to advance onto a state competition.

Academy student Justin Priest participated in the competition and described the tournament as being very demanding.

Priest said there are four parts to the tournament, beginning with the target round which is done all without a calculator. Next is the sprint round which is the longest portion of the tournament. The final event is a relay

involving the entire team. He also said many types of mathematics are used in the rounds, ranging from geometry to algebra.

"There is some math that is just general and then there is other math that generally isn't taught anymore," Priest said. "For instance, triangular numbers, that's definitely not taught."

Robert Bryant, team adviser and Academy staff member, said most of the material isn't much higher than an Algebra II level. But some material is tough enough to give college students a hard time.

Bryant said the preparation is minimal because of the talent level of the students is already very high.

"With these kids at the Academy, there is not a whole lot you have to do," Bryant said. "Most of our kids come with a strong mathematics background."

He also regards math and science as being at a very demanding level right now in the world, and competitions like these help to stimulate interest in this field.

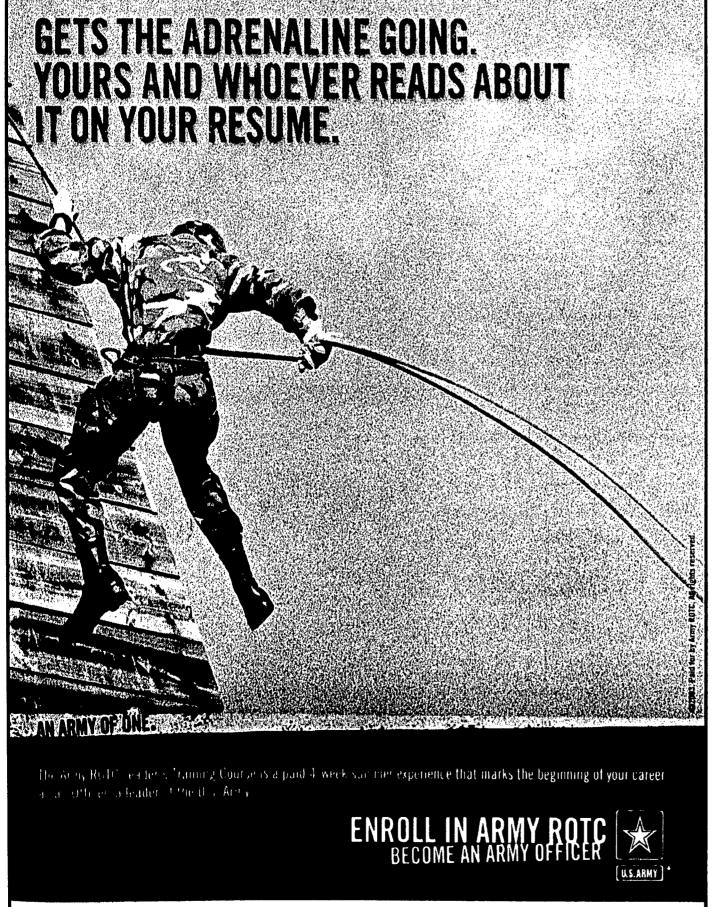
The Academy has already placed 12th in state, and Bryant thinks possibly five more could qualify.

After the state competition there is a regional tournament, which is followed by nationals.

Bryant said these competitions are very beneficial to students of this caliber in mathematics.

Academy student Christopher Brett agrees with this notion.

"I think it's a pretty rewarding experience, it's an opportunity to see how well you know your stuff as far as math skills," Brett said. "It's a great way to make contacts as far as those fields for later."



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## Drag show raises funds for needy

By Jared Bailey S267500@nwmissouri.edu

A select group of gentlemen strutted their stuff... in high heels,

On Friday, March 3, Northwest hosted its 3rd annual drag show in the Union Ballroom.

It was standing room only with an estimated audience of 350. Sororities, fraternities and faculty members were all present. Ticket prices were reduced with donations to the needy. As a result, an estimated 200 canned goods were collected.

The show kicked off with the famous drag queen Alexus Panache jumping up and down with cheerleaders to Mickey by Toni Basil. The night continued with other acts that combined lip-syncing and dancing to songs by such artists as Christina Aguilara, Elton John and Cher. Audience interest remained strong all night as

people ranging from teens to senior citizens cheered on and handed over one \$1 bills to the performers. Some of the loudest applause could be heard during an act by a drag queen with the stage name of Mardi Gras, who called on random people to participate in a mild-dominatrix exhibit involving whips and leather.

One of the show's organizers, Natasha Scott, who danced with a rainbow striped umbrella to the theme song of the show Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, was very pleased with how everything turned out.

"I thought the show went really, really well," Scott said. "There were lots and lots of people and everyone just enjoyed it."

To conclude the evening's presentation, Panache returned one last time with the rest of the cast for a song dedicated to sexual tolerance. Panache, a Kansas City,

Mo. native who now works in West Hollywood, Calif. expressed how important it is for a person to be his or herself.

"Experience lifel" Panache said. "Don't be one of those people who sits in their houses all the time. Try something new. Express who you are."

This was the third year Miss Elizabeth, an employee at the local Kawasaki factory, has participated in the drag show at Northwest. He served in the Air Force for 20 years and has dressed in drag since he was 10. Wearing an outfit similar to the one worn by Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz he lip-synced to the song Coin-Operated Boy by the Dresden Dolls.

"It's just a major high without drugs,". Miss Elizabeth said. "I get pysched up for this. I've always been really quiet. But I find that when I'm out there I can just let everything go."



CLAIRE LEE DIFFERENT dazzled audiences at the 2006 Drag Show. When not performing, Different is known as Richard Frucht, professor of history, humanities, philosophy and policitcal science.

### Spotlight cast on FCS week

By Tara Adkins

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Majors in child and family studies, nutrition, textiles, apparel and family and consumer science education will celebrate their department during Family and Consumer Sciences week.

The 34th annual weeklong celebration, organized by students and faculty, plans to recognize students and bring focus on the department March 9-15.

"This annual celebration is to honor the achievements of students and faculty and to create visibility of the department," said Frances Shipley, professor and chair of the department of family and consumer sciences.

Organizations such as the Kappa Omicron Nu honor society, Student Dietetic Association, Family and Consumer Sciences Ambassadors and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences will plan daily activities for the week.

"The students in the family and consumer sciences department have always seemed to me to be very informed, so I expect they will recognize the value of this observance," said Max Ruhl, dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

The most anticipated event will

be the reservation-only recognition banquet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. New students who have joined the department since April 2005 will be recognized as well as graduating seniors, scholarship recipients and the top four students in each of the four majors of the department.

Anna Mae Kobbe, a 1968 department graduate, will be the featured Centennial Speaker.

"Through (Kobbe), we have a wonderful opportunity to hear a lifelong professional in the field who has done important work with the USDA in Washington D.C.," Ruhl said.

Other activities start Thursday, March 9, with the Kappa Omicron Nu Induction and Etiquette dinner.

The Northwest Student Dietetic Association will sell T-shirts on the third floor of the Administration building Monday and Tuesday, March 13

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, Kobbe will lecture at the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom, Family and Consumer Sciences Week will conclude with the recognition banquet Wednesday night.

For more information regarding Family and Consumer Sciences Week, call 562-1168.

**CAMPUS**BRIEFS

## Young musicians gather for Jazz Festival

The annual Northwest Jazz Festival, sponsored by the department of music, is set for this Saturday, March 11.

More than 500 middle school and high school students will play as members of various jazz ensembles and combos. The bands will perform in half-hour time slots in both the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center and the Charles Johnson Theatre.

William Richardson, associate professor of music, will direct the Northwest Jazz Ensemble during concerts scheduled for 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. in Charles Johnson Theatre on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Judges will award trophies to the festival's top musicians. All performances are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Richardson at 562-1316.

## 'Bobbypalooza' will offer safe break tips

Northwest's Peer Education Program will host "Bobbypalooza," an event to encourage students to make responsible decisions during Spring Break, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Memorial Bell Tower.

Co-hosted by the Residence Hall Association, the GAMMA Peer Educators and the University Health Center, the event will include a free barbecue, prizes, a trivia contest and music provided by Northwest's KZLX radio station.

A variety of booths and demonstrations will provide students with information about various health and safety issues, including alcohol abuse, highway safety, self-defense, sunscreen use and safe sex.

This year's spring break holiday takes place March 20 through 24.

### Symposium celebrates student accomplishments

Northwest students will showcase their academic and artistic talents at the annual Celebration of Quality Symposium Saturday, March 11, in Colden Hall.

The event is organized and hosted by Sigma Pi Sigma, a honorary society for students who have qualified for top academic scholarships, and who continue to exemplify scholarly excellence during their college careers.

Participation in the symposium is by faculty invitation only. About 100 undergraduates were asked to display their work.

Opening ceremonies start at 8:30 a.m., followed by two morning sessions, 9 to 10:20 a.m. and 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. and one afternoon session, from 1:30 to 2:50 p.m. Displays of student artwork and other projects will be open for viewing throughout the day.

The 2006 Celebration of Quality Symposium is funded by a Culture of Quality grant. It is free and open to the public.

### 'Lighthouse' to help prevent abuse

By Lindsay Jacobs S255621@nwmissouri.edu

The Northwest Lighthouse Project kicks off with an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, at the University Health Center.

The project began after Northwest applied online for a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women.

Stacey Wiedmer, project director, said in 2005, 166 schools applied for the grant, but only 31 received the fund-

Jody Renfro, project assistant, said grant will last for two years, and it can be re-applied for. She also said a couple of schools have received it three times in a row.

The project aims to provide information on ways to prevent sexual assault, stalking and violent relationships, as well provide support to the victims. It also plans to spread awareness about the danger of sexual assault and other violence and show it will not be tolerated on campus or in the community.

Other goals include educating students on the importance of reporting assault, offering counseling services to victims and the development of team oriented training for health care workers, police officers and victim advocates to build settings of understanding and trust.

Wiedmer said the open house is an opportunity for those who attend to talk and ask questions about the proj-

"It will give us a chance to answer any questions people might have about our program," Wiedmer said. "It just sort of symbolizes the beginning of this project and that we're actually getting it going. It also gives us a chance to thank all the partners in the grant and everyone who has been supportive of it."

Wiedmer said she hopes the open house familiarizes people with the project and where they are located. She also said she is looking forward to word being spread about the project by those who attend the event.

"A big part of this is to just get it out there and let everyone know we're here," Wiedmer

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and some of the activities planned include: A Day to End Sexual Violence on April 6, the Clothesline Project on April 18, during which a clothesline display will be placed outside the Union to remember the victims and survivors of sexual assault and Denim Day on April 19, a day when all students, faculty, staff, and local businesses will be asked to wear denim to show support for the victims of sexual abuse.

The Lighthouse Project works in cooperation with Collegiate Coeds for Change and Peer Education. The program is also trying to form a partnership with the Maryville community to strengthen response to violence on campus by holding monthly meetings with an interagency council and holding quarterly meetings with a Sexual Assault Response

For more information regarding the Light House Project, contact Wiedmer or Renfro at 562-1598.

### Golf tournament part of

A golf tournament will be held on April 8, at Mozingo

This will be a charity event, which most fraternities and

Home Care Foundation.

is March 31.

Greek Week

Lake Golf Course as apart of the Northwest's Greek Week activities.

sororities will participate in. All funds from the event will

be given to the SSM Hospice and The last day for registration

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## More money; less problems?

Students and parents have a lot of things to battle when it comes to paying for college and the living expenses associated with it.

Inflationary tuition increases every year; add federal cuts to scholarships, the elimination of the Perkins loan and the economy's inability to keep up with inflation, as well.

Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative would help students by making more scholarships available.

' Although State Attorney General Jay Nixon has filed a lawsuit against the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority sale, the governor and many others believe the sale of MOHELA's assets will go through and funding for the Lewis and Clark program will be

If the plan goes through, house Republicans have a different idea on how the money would

The governor's plan calls for \$100 million to go into scholarships and 20 capital improvement projects in Missouri's universities.

The house plan calls for \$190 million dollars in scholarships and \$75 million towards paying down the state's debt, which is not part of the governor's plan.

Their plan would also not include the capital improvement projects.

The Northwest Missourian agrees with the governor that no part of this money should be used to pay down the state's debt.

The MOHELA assets were generated by higher education and should stay in higher

The Northwest Missourian also applauds all efforts to generate more dollars for scholar-

However, we also realize the importance and the dire need for the capital improvement projects.

Many schools across the state have been waiting on improvements for decades.

Keeping education affordable and easily accessible will always be a challenge for our state and we need to focus on the issue constantly.

But we also believe that once those students arrive at our schools they need to have the necessary resources to prepare them for the real world and job market.

Funds for loans and scholarships are available but chances to make capitol improvements don't come around often and must be seized.

#### **Public Safety police reports will** appear in the last issue of the month, March 30.

We appologize for any inconvenience.

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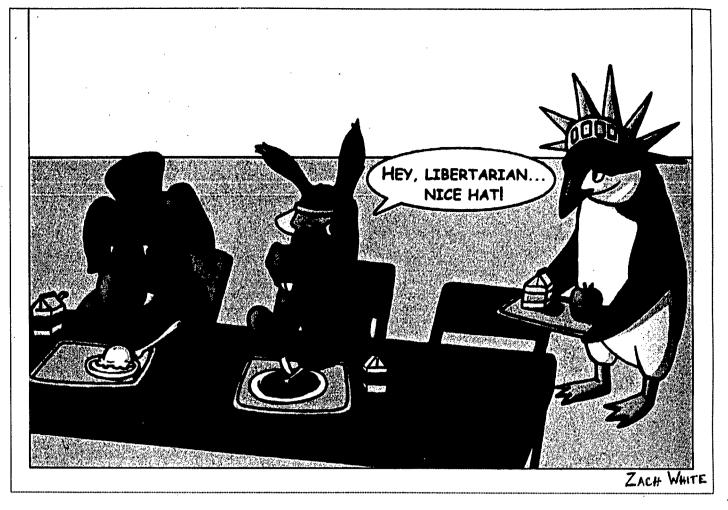
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## Blame game hinders needed aid

As I watch the news and listen in on stories of Hurricane Katrina and the fact that no one wants to take the blame for the mishap of preparation, I cannot help but think of the officials taking part in a duckduck-goose game of finger pointing.

Instead of getting caught in the middle of this blame-game, people need to analyze the

**Just the Facts** 

**OPINION** 

Jessica Lavicky Managing Editor

blame.

situation and make adjustments to the standing policies.

Potential goose candidates such as Homeland Security Secretary, Michael Chertoff, former head of Federal Emergency Management Agency Michael Brown and President George W. Bush, sit as easy, targets to tag with

are high authority? Or maybe it's the mere knowledge that those passing the blame failed to do their part of up-keep and won't admit it. It's easy to blame the scapegoat.

Is it because these officials

What ever the reason, let's stop playing this childish game and focus on what we can do to help.

Last September, Kathy's Klippery & Stay N' Play, from Kansas City, Mo., teamed up with Noah's Wish to help rescue animals from the contaminated waters of Louisiana.

A more personal pat-onthe-back, Maryville named Eunice, La., as their sister-city for hurricane relief. Different organizations around Maryville have raised and donated over \$18,000 for Eunice.

These are just a few relief efforts that help Katrina victims. If we could put all of the blaming aside, imagine what things can be reconstructed.

Let's stop being ducks waiting to for the next tag. Instead, get up and make a difference. Besides, who wants to be a goose?

## Helping NNHS not so difficult

Without a major change, the animals of Nodaway. County won't be the only ones with some problems.

The New Nodaway Humane Society deals with enough problems because of pet owners who won't take responsibil-

ity for their furry friends' uncontrolled breeding and unlicensed breeders. Both only make more animals to overcrowd the NNHS's walls. Now they have to contend, with going broke providing a vital service to Nodaway County.

More locally, I can't help but notice that Maryville almost seems to have as many stray cats as college students. Ironically, while so many people debate the humanity of euthanasia, strays can



Sean Comer

traffic or end up at NNHS::: 1::: If something doesn't happen soon, the latter option will either disappear completely or sink

so far into debt

as to be without

either starve on the

streets, get killed in

the resources they need. Nodaway County needs to look not only into their hearts, but their pocketbooks to maintain an agency that provides a good I don't think comes with enough appreciation.

Think about this: NNHS needs \$32,000 to wipe out its debt. 10,511 people live in Maryville alone (give or take the population of Northwest.) If everybody in Maryville donated \$5 to the NNHS, that alone would rake in at least \$52,555. That would pull NNHS out of debt with around \$20,000 to spare. In return, everybody in Maryville might cut one McDonald's value meal from their budget.

Lose a pound, save a puppy? Fair trade.

In the short term, imagine a \$10 gift. Lose a pizza, keep "Mittens the Kitten" off the

Keep in mind, we're talking one-time gifts from every registered citizen of Maryville. That would amount to even more, if the students living on-campus kicked in for \$5 a piece. How can it be so difficult to sacrifice a night at Molly's for keeping strays off the streets? And who would really miss \$5 that badly?

Ponder the alternative. We could opt to throw our collective hands in the air and let NNHS wither on the vine. Then everybody would wonder why the streets stink of cat droppings, more and more animals appear dead on the side of the road and dogs and cats tip over garbage cans; looking: for: food they won!t! get from a loving home. Yeah; that certainly represents a better alternative.

For those who can afford it, become a one-time member for \$1,000. If anyone's in a position to adopt a pet, do it-a dog or cat leads a vastly more fulfilling life in a loving relationship with a caring human than starving, cold and sick on the curb. If anyone has a few free hours a week, turn off "Madden '06" for a few hours, volunteer for work at NNHS, and save them a few dollars of labor in' their budget. Anyone could simply donate an extra \$8 to buy mats for dogs. Do something, it doesn't take a lot.

This represents a public good we all enjoy, and that everybody could stand to kick in at least a few bucks a piece to continue enjoying.

### CAMPUSTALK

# If you could renovate any spot in Maryville, where would it be and what would you do?



"Worlds of Fun in Maryville," Alyssa Wiley



"That place where the Red Lantern was. Build something there," Zach McCoppen



"The BP. I would like to see it changed into a Taco Bell or Arby's. The same goes for Long John Silver's," Charity Harris

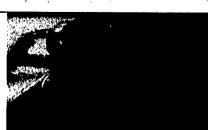


"Open the Pub, so I can spend more money," Mark Euston Asanagament/Marketing



"I would like to change our strip mall to an actual . mall," Abby Browning

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### South Dakota scorns its real victims

South Dakota will go down in infamy. This week, South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds signed into law a bill that bans all abortions except when the mother's life is in danger. No exceptions for rape or incest.

What a guy.

I'm assuming that most people who read this paper don't live in South Dakota. However, this law may affect you as well. It's clear that

and abortion opponents know it. This bill was deliberately set up to go to the U.S. Supreme Court so that Roe will be overturned. 'That means, if pro-life

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**Dustin Boone** Contributing Columnist

fanatics have their way, the court will allow states to ban abortions as they see fit.

My opinion is that this tactic will backfire. It's no coincidence that this bill came to light at the time the Supreme Court has two new Republican members. However, if this law is challenged before the court, I think Roe would be upheld. Therefore, the pro-life groups would have to resort to even more this new law questions Roe v. Wade, Adrastic measures and risk alienating

> Of course, I could be wrong about all this and the states will do as they wish. Missouri currently has two ballot mea

sures that would ban most abortions. If you didn't know any better, you would think that everybody was getting one these days. Under President Clinton, who some would have you believe performed all the procedures himself, abortions went down. This is simply a wedge issue used by a party that has been hijacked by Christian zealots.

I don't know anyone who's for more abortions. It should be safe, legal, and rare. I'm sure most people would like to avoid it, but if it's necessary, then women should have that medical option. The remedy to this problem is simple. If you're really against abortion in all cases, don't have one. But don't force someone else to have their rapist on their child's birth certificate.

### State assumes role in promoting ethanol

I want Missouri to be a leader in the country and in the world in producing and using alternative fuels and that is why I have proposed a requirement that all gasoline sold in Missouri contain a 10 percent ethanol blend. The use of fuel blended with ethanol will reduce our dependence on foreign fuel, is good for the environment and good for Missouri's economy.

The United States imports approximately 60 percent of its oil. There is no reason Missouri and other states should continue being so dependent on foreign sources of fuel when a low cost, high quality fuel can be produced right here in our own backyard by hard working Missouri farmers. It is easy to see that it would be better to use Midwest resources over Middle East resources.

This year I am asking the general

For the Record



**Matt Blunt** 

assembly to pass a proposal requiring that all gasoline sold in Missouri be blended with 10 percent ethanol. It is a major step we can take to position our state as a leader both in ethanol production and utilization.

This statewide energy initiative presents a number of benefits for our state. This initiative would enable Missourians to do their part in creating a healthier, more vibrant state for future generations. Blended fuel that

contains 10 percent ethanol reduces the carcinogens that are released into the atmosphere. The use of ethanol reduces carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide.

This initiative also presents an opportunity for growth in a substantial new market for years to come. This proposal will provide a fertile business climate leading to the expansion of Missouri's ethanol industry. Currently, there are three ethanol plants in production in Missouri and a fourth plant is expected to come online this fall while more are in the planning stages. This growth in ethanol production means jobs, increased economic activity, and good news for our hard working farmers and rural communities.

Last year I took very important steps as the first governor to recommend full funding for the Ethanol Producers Incentive Fund.

We also began to pick up some of the back payments, money that we owed to Missouri farm families. This year there is, again, full funding for the Ethanol Incentive Fund and for the Bio-Diesel Incentive Fund in my budget.

I believe Missouri can and should be a leader in ethanol and the renewable fuels industries and I look forward to standing with Missouri farmers as we move forward in these burgeoning fields and diversify our state's economy.

### Lager sets sights on virtual school

Our ability to learn new information and expand our horizons is only limited to the resources that we have at our disposal.

The Internet can provide access to information that we never knew existed, and there is no substitute for the ease with

which that information can be gathered and shared. In today's educational

a student to do research or schoolwork using the Inter-With this understanding in mind, the General Assem-

arena, it is not uncommon for

bly is set to begin debate on House Bill 1275 which would create the Missouri, Virtual Public School Program (MVP) School). Under this legislation, the

state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education would establish a virtual and interactive internet-based education school by July 2007. This concept would begin

as a pilot program limited to 500 students the first year, 750 students the second year, and 1000 students the third year. These students would

be from all parts of the state and would access basic and advanced coursework. The MVP School will have

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**Brad Lager** 

the same accountability standards as regular schools to ensure students are adequately performing the necessary skill

sets. Certified Missouri teachers would teach the online courses, and students would choose how many of

their courses would be taken through the MVP School.

Currently, there are 12 other states using a virtual schools model.

Two years ago, Arkansas created a virtual program, and since that time, the virtual school has become the fifth ranked public school district in the state of Arkansas.

Although we cannot guarantee Missouri students and parents the same performance, we will never know the opportunities unless we

As your state Representative, one of my top responsibilities is to ensure the children of our state receive the best possible education.

Although it is an ongoing challenge to find the greatest educational opportunities for our future leaders, I do believe that new and innovative ideas in education are important if we are going to be successful in providing Missouri's students the tools to succeed.

### Guards need equal appreciation, pay

We ask our National Guards' men and women's to make a lot of sacrifices.

They leave their families and jobs when they are activated, oftentimes for challenging missions in far away lands.

We ask a great deal from them and they are patri-

ots and heroes for the way + \$30,000. they respond.

One thing I won't ask them to do is to take a pay cut to serve our country. Yet, that is exactly what is happening to too many of our

A recent survey by the General Accounting Office found that just over 40 percent of National Guard troops were making less as soldiers than they were paid at their civilian jobs. I think we can do better.

That is why a bi-partisan group of lawmakers has joined with me to introduce



Sam Graves

legislation to end that pay gap. This legislation would give employers an incentive to pay the difference between an activated soldier's pay and his civilian pay. Specifically it would give those participating businesses a 50 percent tax credit for up to

Some employers have chosen to make up that pay gap even without an incentive from the government. They are doing it because it is the right thing to do. I want to encourage more companies to help make up the pay gap.

Mortgage and car payments don't stop once you've been activated.

Our soldiers and their families have many challenges when a loved one is deployed overseas. I think this bill is a common sense way to help.

### MAILCALL

For the past several months, members of the New Nodaway Humane Society have been working hard to avoid a financial crisis.

Despite our best efforts, this crisis is now upon us.

We are very grateful to members and to the community for their support of the building fund for the new shelter. That debt is within \$32,000 of being retired.

However, the operating costs for the shelter have always been under-funded. In 2006, the city will give the shelter \$4,100 monthly, and the county will contribute \$833 monthly.

The shelter needs at least twice this monthly amount to offer the services needed by the community. Both city and county governing bodies have been visited by representatives of NNHS, and we have been told this is the maximum funding possible from these two groups at this time.

We have been able to operate because we had a reserve of funds available. However, months of under-funding have depleted this reserve.

Members have worked hard at fundraising projects, but the luncheons net less than \$2,000, and smaller projects usually net only a few hundred dollars.

Marlene Thompson's calendar project was very successful and netted \$8,000, but this funded the shelter for less than a month.

Because of unlicensed breeders, puppy mills and irresponsible pet owners, the county has a huge population, and most of these end up in the shelter. The shelter is designed for about 100 animals, and we had over twice this amount.

This overpopulation caused an increase in operating costs: staff hours, supplies and utilities. Because of the strain of taking care of so many animals, other important services to the community had to be neglected.

For months members have worked to get the number of ani-

mals at the shelter into the target range.

Animals have been sponsored to provide reduced or free adoptions. Hours have been spent on the Web site trying to find people to adopt the animals; Merla Findley has transported many animals to new owners.

Adoption specials have offered the animals at reduced adoption

A shelter in Atchison, Kan., has taken some of our animals. Rescue groups have been contacted, and animals taken to them if possible.

Letters have been written to the newspapers, and letters were sent to the county schools. We have tried to be a no-kill

shelter although we are not actually registered as one. We took in all animals, and if at

all possible, tried to medically save all the animals that came. It broke our hearts, but the painful decision was made to euth-

anize animals that were not getting

well, animals that were aggressive,

and eventually some animals that seemed to be unwanted for adop-

reserves.

This procedure is always our last choice, but one that sometimes has to be implemented to insure the financial future of the shelter.

We long for the day when we can financially support a no-kill policy.

Shelter Manager Cindy Nelson has been trying hard to cut costs at the shelter. Staff hours have been cut. Open staff positions have not been filled. Supplied are monitored and utilities conserved.

Our heating costs are huge, partially because of the rate increase.

The system at the new building has to vent the air to meet governmental standards, and this also helps create costly utility bills.

The board is being reorganized with Doug Sutton as the new president.

We hope to fill vacancies on the board, at least temporarily, with financially oriented persons who can address the serious cashflow problems we have at this time and to get the shelter adequately funded.

A "bare bones" budget is being analyzed, but we can only cut so much and still offer the necessary services to the animals and to the community.

Thank you for your continued support of the New Nodaway Humane Society and the Animal Shelter. Please let us know of any way you can help.

Sincerely, The New Nodaway Humane Society Board President: Doug Sutton Members: Karri Genthe-Henderson, Diane Houston, Kristina Hargin, Robin Miles, Will Murphy, Mary Matthews

For more information on how you can help the New Nodaway Humane Society, call 660-562. 3333.

#### CITYBRIEFS

### Residents welcome to share concerns, learn

A representative of U.S. Senator Christopher S. "Kit" Bond will be in Maryville at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, 114 W 3rd St., for a Listening Post Forum.

"These meetings give Missourians a chance to tell my staff what is on their minds and to ask important questions," Bond said in a recent release. "Thousands of Missourians regularly use these meetings and my office to navigate the federal governmental maze."

A Listening Post Forum will also be held at 1 p.m. in Rock Port, Mo., and at 2:30 p.m. in Oregon, Mo., on the same day.

For information on the Maryville Forum, contact Nancy Thomson, executive director, at (660) 446-3303.

### MS support group open

The Northwest Missouri Multiple Scolorosis support group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at St. Gregory's Parish Hall, 333 S. Davis, Maryville.

Anyone interested is allowed to attend. For more information contact Cindy Bliley at 562-2754 or Janice Dawson at 725-4447.

### **Public Safety issues** severe weather drills

Maryville will participate in a statewide tornado drill at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. Tornado sirens will go off at that time. In case of bad weather, the drill will take place March 16.

Maryville Public Safety has issued a severe weather policy that will provide safety suggestions for families in case of severe weather. The policy was reviewed in preparation for the severe weather season.

MPS suggests knowing the difference between a tornado watch and tornado warning. A watch means to watch the sky because the conditions are favorable to produce a tornado. A warning means a tornado has been confirmed on the ground and to take cover immediately, even if the sirens are not being sounded.

Call 911 or contact MPS any way possible if a tornado is spotted.

### SEMA accepting corp grant applications

Missouri received a \$200,000 Department of Homeland Security grant to help the 60 local Citizen Corps Councils that prepare for and respond to disaster.

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is accepting Citizen Corps grant applications until March 22.

In their work with disaster relief, Citizen Corps Councils support programs such as Medical Reserve Corps, Fire Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service and Neighborhood Watch.

"Citizen Corps Councils are compromised of Missourians dedicated to helping their fellow citizens prepare for natural disasters or possible terrorist attacks," Gov. Matt Blunt said in a recent release. "These everyday heroes deserve our thanks and appreciation and I am pleased these resources will be made available to them as they work to help keep Missouri prepared and ready to respond to any crisis."

For more information, contact Susie Stonner at (573) 526-9136, or go to Sema.dps.mo.gov.

### Flag ceremony to be held

A flag retiring ceremony will be held in the evening of April 1 to retire any old flags community members might own.

Citizens may donate flags starting March 31 at Accent Printing on 3rd Street or Physical Therapy Center at 114 E. South Hills Dr., both in Maryville.

Flag donators are welcome to attend the ceremony.

# Foreign Trades

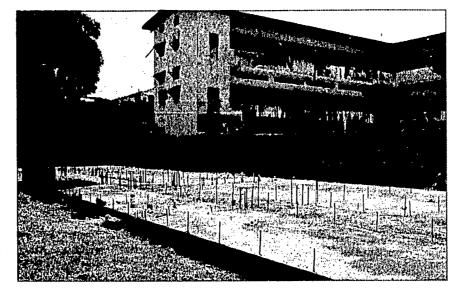


PHOTO COURTESY OF KEITH WOOD

**PUBLIC SAFETY** Director Keith Wood returned from a 10-day mission trip in panama with the first baptist church.

### Wood takes 10-day mission to assist village in Panama

By Brett Barger S203501@nwmissouri.edu

To citizens of Maryville, Keith Wood is the director of Maryville Public Safety. For 10 days, Wood was just another man in a foreign land, visiting a village in Panama on a mission trip with the First Baptist Church.

The group, consisting of members from the First Baptist Church, Laura Street Baptist Church, the Baptist Church in Albany, Mo., and members from a church in Connecticut traveled down to work with the Nogobe Indians, one of the few remaining indigenous tribes in Panama.

Wood said there was a big cultural difference traveling from Maryville to meet with the tribe.

"The culture shock was very dramatic," Wood said. "They're remote enough that their life expectancy is mid-40s. They're completely out of reach of medical assistance. There were tons of children and I would say that between ages 14 to 15, the girls start becoming mom's because of the short life expectancy."

The group repainted a school in the village and constructed a shelter for the kitchen.

The children in the group also played soccer and baseball with the village children.

"We had a kid's day where there were activities all day long like face painting for the kids, games, contests and culminating with the showing of the Jesus film," Wood said.

The group also spent time on a week-long hike on a mountain near the village.

### Did you know...

The population of the state of Missouri is 5,754,618. The population of the entire country of Panama is 3,039,150

The United States gained independence July 4, 1776. Panama gained its Independence on Nov. 3, 1903

85 percent of the Panamanian population is Roman Catholic. 52 percent of the U.S. population is Protestant

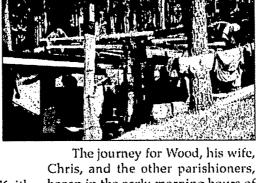
Panama's GDP is \$22,16 billion. United States GDP is \$12.37 trillion .

158.722 million people in the US have own a cellphone.

Source: CIA World Factbook

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began in the early morning hours of Feb. 17, when they left Kansas City International Airport. After a delay in Atlanta, they arrived in Panama

The arrival in Panama City was not the end of the journey, but the beginning of a slow, pain-staking voyage to the village of Boca del Monte.

After arriving in Panama City, the group traveled for six hours by van, and then transferred themselves and their luggage onto a small truck for a two-hour journey on incredibly rugged terrain.

"I had been told about the two hour four wheel drive ride and it lived up to everything I had imagined," he said. "You look up at the road ahead and be like 'We're not going up there are we?"

Wood said his reaction was mixed when he returned to Maryville.

"Each time I've been on one of these, I get a little bit more taste of reality," Wood said. "You go on a mission trip hoping you can help spread the gospel of Christ and be a blessing to somebody else and when you return, you find out they were the blessing to you."

Wood's wife Chris shared the same sentiment about the trip.

"I feel undeserving of what we have," she said. "It makes us stop and appreciate what we have."

The group will do a presentation on the trip at 6:30 p.m. March 19 at the First Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

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## Season nearly in full swing

By Andrew Glover S270230@nwmissouri.edu

Having a mild winter and some warm weather in the forecast allowed eager golfers a chance to hit the links.

Retired Maryville residents Charles Hawkins and Jerry Brekke both played a round of golf last week due to the excellent golfing conditions.

Both men have golfed on occasion each month over the winter due the mild weather this winter produced.

Rick Schultz who is the Professional Golf Association professional at Mozingo Lake Golf Course, said this isn't uncommon to see people on the links and that the course stays open through the winter.

"We stay open yearround," Schultz said. "If the weather is tolerable and as long as there is no frost or ice on the ground and the golfers think it's okay, we'll let them play."

Golfers' have taken advantage of the golf course staying open by using the course at least a couple times each month over the winter.

Schultz said sometimes only one or two people would come out to golf, which is okay. He also said watching golf on television gives people the desire to get out and play.

Mozingo Lake Golf buddies."

Course has been open for II years and so far Maryville residents and the surrounding area are well aware the course is open year-round.

Schultz said many times Northwest students make up the majority of the golfers on any given day.

"The thing that I noticed, and we saw it today (Tuesday), is the amount of students that come out and play," Schultz said. "A tremendous amount, today maybe almost half of our players were students coming out and playing or to hit balls on the range.'

Schultz also adds that students can get a discount when they come out and play at the course.

The other groups of people that are on the links during the winter months are senior citizens that may be retired. Schultz said seniors tend to come out to play because it is more of a recreational style of play as well as a good source for exercise.

The idea of coming out to get some exercise is one of the reasons that Hawkins and Brekke like to play during the

"It's a chance to come out and get some exercise, my walking, and it's just a nice setting everything out here is really nice," Hawkins said. "It's a chance also to socialize and visit with golfing

### Back home with hopes of helping

By Jared Bailey S267500@nwmissouri.edu

Kari Martin proves that a person can move back in with his or her parents and still make a difference in the world.

dent and working with doctors at St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, medical student Martin has returned to Nodaway County. She graduated from

Maryville High School and now, years later, she once again resides in her parents' home. Some people dread the fate of saying they live with their parents after college. Martin says that by working at the hospital, she gets to make things brighter for herself and others. Her days are filled with activity. One minute she is assisting in the delivery room, the next she is off to prepare for surgery.

Even with all the experience she has gained over the past weeks at St. Francis, her education won't be completely finished. She spent four years at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., and now finishes up her third year of medical school at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo. After this semester is complete, Martin will still have another year

It is all worth it to someone who has been interested in becoming a doctor since she was 5-years-old. Martin has not decided what she will specialize in yet, but has expressed interests in pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology, which specialize in women's health. No matter what, interaction with her patients will be one of the greatest parts of the job.

"It's rewarding being with them (patients) when they're at their most vulnerable point and trusting you," Martin said. "It's really a blessing to care for somebody when they're at that desperate moment. You can really change their lives and make an impact."

One of her co-workers, Jane Dawson, expressed confidence in the work that Martin has done.

"She's doing great," Dawson said. "I think she's gotten a great experience and has gotten to see what the real practice is like out in the real world. She has gotten to see a lot of variety and we have enjoyed working with her."

### CORRECTION

In a previous article about the Nodaway County Historical Society, the Northwest Missourian misspelled Carolyn Fisher's name as Carelan Fisher.

Also, we must state that the new Smithsonian exhibit at the museum is open daily from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and can be open other times if someone calls ahead and requests it.

Normally the museum is open just Tuesday through Friday but April through October the museum will be open Saturdays as well.

We apologize for the errors.





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# Lenten holiday in observance

By Andrew Glover S270230@nwmissouri.edu

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the Catholic religion begins the observance of the Lenten season.

According to the Rev. Martin DeMeulenaere of St. Gregory's Catholic Church, the Lenten season is devoted to giving up certain things which disallow Catholics to fully observe the true beauty of what Christ has done for them.

Using the 40 days of fasting notion, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends Holy Saturday, Catholics sacrifice pleasurable things to more clearly focus on the goodness of Christ, DeMeulenaere said.

Northwest student Molly Kresha is taking an approach to Lent that she has tried in the past but was unable to follow through with.

She decided to give up profamity again this year, this was something she tried to give up once before except not for Lent, but for moral reasons.

"We want to limit the excess of our lives," DeMeu-

lenaere said of why people give up things for Lent.

DeMeulenaere suggested that people give up things like salt and pepper, or sugar and coffee. His rationale is to "focus on what gives us the flavor of life."

He also talked about young people possibly doing community service or other volunteer work. Spending time in prayer is also a good idea for observers to take part in during Lent.

Kresha said getting used to giving something up is hard to begin with but gets better over time.

"The first week is the hardest for me because I forget a lot," Kresha said. "Once it comes to the end it becomes kind of a learned behavior."

One constant for everyone observing Lent is to refrain from eating meat on Fridays. Kresha said she remembers always packing a lunch with tuna for school on Fridays.

DeMeulenaere said over the 40 days of Lent, St. Gregory holds reenactments of Christ's final days beginning at 5:30 p.m. every Friday.

#### LENTENHOLIDAY

- ■Traditionally, Lent was 40 days of fasting.
- ■Now, fasting takes place on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season, and Good Friday.
- ■The season ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.
  ■No meat can be eaten on Fridays.
- ■Popular things to give up are:
  - •Candy
  - ●Pop ●Chocolate
  - Video Games
- ■There is no punishment for not following through with the sacrifices.
- ■The purpose is to limit the excess in our lives.

### Gordon Parks dies at 93

By Polly Anderson Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK - Gordon Parks, who captured the struggles and triumphs of black America as a photographer for Life magazine and then became Hollywood's first major black director with "The Learning Tree" and the hit "Shaft," died Tuesday, his family said. He was 93.

Parks, who also wrote fiction and was an accomplished composer, died at his home in New York, according to a former wife, Genevieve Young, and nephew Charles Parks.

"Nothing came easy," Parks wrote in his autobiography. "I was just born with a need to explore every tool shop of my mind, and with long searching and hard work. I became devoted to my restlessness."

He covered everything from fashion to politics to sports during his 20 years at Life, from 1948 to 1968.

But as a photographer, he was perhaps best known for his gritty photo essays on the grinding effects of poverty in the United States and abroad and on the spirit of the civil rights movement.

"Those special problems spawned by poverty and crime touched me more, and I dug into them with more enthusiasm," he said. "Working at them again revealed the superiority of the camera to explore the dilemmas they posed."

In 1961, his photographs in Life of a poor, ailing Brazilian boy named Flavio da Silva brought donations that saved the boy and purchased a new home for him and his family.

"The Learning Tree" was Parks' first film, in 1969. It was based on his 1963 autobiographical novel of the same name, in which the young hero grapples with fear and racism as well as first love and school-boy triumphs. Parks wrote the score as well as directed.

In 1989, "The Learning Tree" was among the first 25 American movies to be placed on the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress. The registry is intended to highlight films of particular cultural, historical or aesthetic importance.

The detective drama "Shaft," which came out in 1971 and starred Richard Roundtree, was a major hit and spawned a series of black-oriented films. Parks himself



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NWMISSOURIA

GORDON PARKS made a name for himself in several different things but he will most be remembered for his 20 years as a photographer at him Manazina.

directed a sequel, "Shaft's Big Score," in 1972, and that same year his son Gordon Jr. directed "Superfly." The younger Parks was killed in a plane crash in 1979.

Roundtree said he had a "sneaking suspicion" that the Shaft character was based on Parks.

"Gordon was the ultimate cool," he said by telephone. "There's no one cooler than Gordon Parks."

Parks also published books of poetry and wrote musical compositions including "Martin," a ballet about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Parks was born Nov. 30, 1912, in Fort Scott, Kan., the youngest of 15 children. In his 1990 autobiography, "Voices in the Mirror," he remembered it as a world of racism and poverty, but also a world where his parents gave their children love, discipline and religious faith.

He went through a series of jobs as a teen and young man, including piano player and railroad dining car waiter. The breakthrough came when he was about 25, when he bought a used camera in a pawn shop for \$7.50. He became a freelance fashion photographer, went on to Vogue magazine and then to Life in 1948.

## Safe digging, now easier

New hotline cuts down the amout of phone calls and alerts all utilities

By Alison Glasscock S270226@nwmissouri.edu

Maryville residents needing to dig no longer call Aquila about underground utility lines.

Instead of making several different calls, residents may now call 1-800-DIG-RIGHT (344-7483). Callers give information such as name, phone number and location of the project.

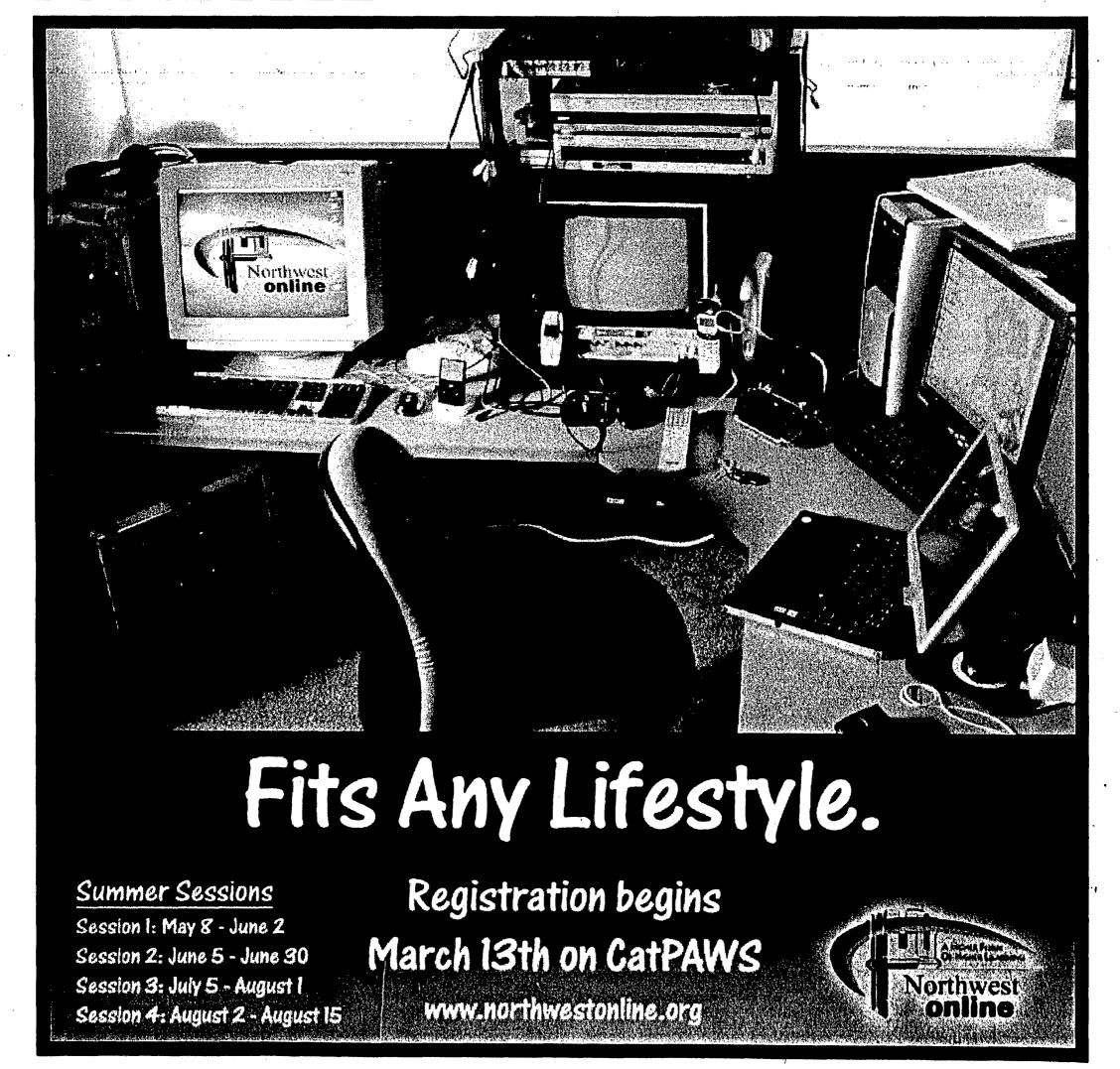
"DIG-RIGHT is a program where our customers can notify us when they are going to be digging in an area that might possibly get in the utility lines," said-Judy Ness, Aquila senior manager of external affairs. "It's a safety network for the public."

Anyone planning a project should call DIG-RIGHT between two and 10 working days prior to digging.

This allows the utility company employees time to get out to the site and mark the various underground lines.

Contacting the DIG-RIGHT program before beginning a project can help individuals stay out of legal complications.

"Under Missouri law, if a company or individual does not contact us to get a line located they could pay up to \$10,000 for each violation of damaging underground lines," said George Minter Aquila public relations specialist



### **RISKY:** Rental insurance a must for residents; can be easily obtained

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"It's the saddest thing when everything is lost and everyone has to help out and tap into their resources to help a person who doesn't have insurance out," said Paul Drake, American Family Insurance agent. "You end up having to rely on the goodness of everyone else's hearts."

However, obtaining rental insurance is simple, Drake said. Similar to other types of insurance, the policy can be written and a person can start receiving coverage the

Apartments, rental houses and dorm rooms can be insured for as little as \$12

Insurance companies often offer a discount if automobile and rental insurance are purchased simultaneously.

Most rental insurance provides coverage against perils such as fire, lightning, explosion, smoke and vandalism.

American Family, located at 412 N. Market St., offers rental insurance with a "Loss of Use" benefit which provides any necessary increase in living expense so normal living standards can be maintained—a feature common to most rental insurance poli-

If you qualify, American Family also offers "Gold Star Renters Coverage" which includes replacement of personal property without deduction for depreciation, extended coverage on valuables and up to \$500 coverage on replacing refrigerator or freezer items.

Oftentimes policies offer coverage to help pay for the next residence.

Some college students

don't purchase rental insurance because of coverage under their parent's homeowner insurance policy. However, Drakes advises checking how much coverage is actually provided because sometimes the coverage is minimal. Additionally, this only applies if parents still claim the student as a dependent and the student resides in a temporary living situ-

"I have asked myself many times why more students don't get this," Drake said. "The often don't know the importance of this insurance or don't care. A college student would rather spend 12 bucks on a pizza rather than have rental insurance."

Weigel believes scarce communication on the topic between the students and their parents is partly to

"A lot of parents don't tell their kids they need to pursue something like this," Weigel said.

Before issuing rental insurance, agents review many things to determine if the property and the renter can be covered, Weigel said. Agents check on previous property loss and perform a credit report check.

Also, unrelated tenants need to be insured separately and most insurance companies will not insure a resident without insuring the other occupants because of the difficulty in separating personal belongings after an incident, Weigel said.

You can go down and buy all the furniture you need for \$500 at the local thrift store," Weigel said. "But when you add up all your clothes and personal belongings, you'd be surprised to see what it costs to replace it all."

### LIMBO: Quotas threaten Northwest faculty tenure

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motion opportunities for qualified faculty could prove detrimental to maintaining qualified faculty.

Assistant professor of Marketing Chi-lo Lim said, hypothetically, that denial of a promotion due to a quota, as opposed to qualifications, might motivate her to examine other opportunities.

"If I met all the requirements, and was told because of the quota system I could not move up, I would, first, not be happy, and second, I would be looking for another job," Lim said. "A quota system is only useful in an environment where the performance

is sub-par." Faculty Senate President-Elect Roy Schwartzman echoed both Lim's concerns, and those expressed in the proposal itself, which states "students are actually harmed in the long run through a quota system that has a high likelihood of leading to longterm employment of inferior workers."

"If faculty feel that their career path is limited in an institution, and feels there's no chance of advancement no matter what they do, it could cause some excellent faculty members to investigate other possibilities," Schwartzman said. "It could affect the nature of quality instructions that students get.

"I guess the students would like to believe, and should believe, that if a faculty member is doing a really good job, then the person should advance professionally."

Schwartzman also praised Northwest Provost Kichoon Yang's openness to dialogue on this issue, including a temporary suspension of enforcement of quotas.

"He's made it very clear that this year, he's going to leave things open and make [promotion] decisions based

on the quality of applications he gets," Schwartzman said. "There's no tension simply because he's made it very clear that his position is open on this and whatever the

recommendations are, he's

certainly willing to listen."

Yang feels the quotas provide the University with room to maneuver in the event of a fiscal crisis. In the event such a situation should arise. Northwest would need to maintain a window to cut costs to stay

The more faculty who have tenure, the fewer options Northwest would have for potential unavoidable budget

Yang, however, still sympathizes with the plight of faculty who feel the quotas remove some fairness from the promotion process.

With that in mind, he promoted collaboration with Faculty Senate to find a more constructive compromise.

"We have this bottomheavy configuration of a lot of assistant professors, but they want to move up to become associate professors," Yang said. "But at the associate level, we already have close to 30 percent.

"It's a double-jeopardy for faculty," Yang added. "You work hard, and meet all the criteria, and you still can't be promoted. So, I told the Faculty Senate to take a look at what other universities are doing, and study this issue taking into consideration this issue of fiscal responsibility."

Currently, Northwest sits below-quota for faculty at both fullprofessor and associate professors statuses. Faculty currently consists of 21 percent full professors and 28 percent associate professors either with tenure or tenure-tracked.

Those percentages, coupled with the freeze on quotas, provided the Faculty Senate with a window for closer examination of the current system, and potential compromises to restructure the current promotion require-

"In general, among the faculty, there is great concern," Schwartzman said. "It (the quota system) closes the door on professional advancement if enforced. Regardless of any concrete criteria of achievement, if the numbers are achieved at a certain rank, there is no hope."

Lim served on the committee researching solutions to the quotas. She said that Northwest's atmosphere among its faculty doesn't necessitate such a policy as the current quotas.

However, she feels it could work, if the proportion of applications were different.

"The current quota system could work, if associate professors are encouraged to apply for professorship," Lim said. "But since we don't have such a momentum of associate professors applying to

move up, it becomes a really huge hindrance.

'The reason most universities have a quota system is if they can't self-regulate," Lim added. "Then you do need to have a quota system in place to ensure that faculty are still doing the best job. The quota system really does not benefit us, just because we do self-regulate within each department and each college. That plays a huge gate-keeping part."

Frucht called the recommendation to remove the rank quotas one of the last steps in opening up the promotion process which, since the 1990s, has included making faculty pursuit of tenure mandatory and previously eliminating departmental promotion'quoats.

"If you can't get promoted, should you be tenured?" Frucht said. "If you've got the qualifications to be tenured, then you deserve to be promoted.

"If you've got to have the qualifications to reach that level [tenure] you deserve the recognition that goes along with it. I think they go hand-

#### By The Numbers: Where Northwest Stands

#### Missouri Institutions

#### 2005-2006 Tuition, Fees\*

University of Missouri (Columbia)	\$8,215
Truman State University (Kirksville)	\$6,662
Missouri State University (Springfield)	\$6,254
Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg)	\$5,900
Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville)	\$5,685
Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph)	\$5,578
Southeast Missouri State University (Cape Girardeau) \$5,450	
Harris-Stowe State University (St. Louis)	<b>\$5,450</b>
Lincoln University of Missouri (Jefferson City)	\$5,402
Missouri Southern State University (Joplin)	\$4,216

#### **Nearby Institutions**

Jniversity of Nebraska (Lincoln, Neb.)	\$6,440
owa State University (Ames, Iowa)	\$6,434
(ansas State University (Manhattan, Kan.)	\$5,924

\*in-state, undergraduate tuition, based on 30 credit hours per year

### **EDUCATORS**: Blunt says Missouri is world leader in plant sciences, biologics

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students would greatly benefit from the initiative's proposed scholarship fund.

"Clearly we all know that there are some affordability issues and concerns with higher education. Providing more scholarships to Missouri students is certainly a noteworthy objective," Porterfield said.

For a long time, higher education institutions have been trying to provide more in the way of aid, so we appreciate anything the federal and state governments are able to do to help."

Sponsored by the University, the Northwest Missouri Regional Professional Development Center and the Maryville R-II school district, the two-day conference emphasized the efficiency of Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) in primary and secondary education.

Organizational concepts, PLC's involve the collaboration of public school administrators and teachers in order to assess classroom activity and make decisions to improve student performance.

The benefits of such teamwork include reduced teacher isolation, higher student morale and improved attendance and test scores.

presentation.

"We were all delighted to have (Blunt) here. He did a good job highlighting the educational strengths Northwest brings to the table," Ruhl said.

"He launched the conference well."

Ruhl said the conference also promoted the University's strong commitment to Total Quality Management, a data-driven system, similar to the PLC's, in which employees and employers use past data to identify problems and prevent them from occurring in the future, as well as to set goals for overall quality improvement and management.

to area high schools."

Max Ruhl, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said he was pleased with the governor's

'I've never seen a better, well-spent two days. This gives us a platform to begin working on the items on our school reform agenda. We hope to have another conference next year to apply the same assessment specifically

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### SPIKES: University approves 6 percent tuition hike

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movement forward with salaries on occasion, within a market context, we get further behind in our ability to compete as we're looking to hire new faculty to replace those who are retiring or who are moving to other campuses," Courter said. "We want to have enough resources to have good faculty, the kind of faculty we want to have on staff, who are oriented toward their students and have a real optimism for their program. You have to pay certain rates to keep that."

Courter said the University looks at national and regional salary surveys to analyze the gap between accepted Northwest stu- to see significant increases in how much it is paying faculty in comparison with the

overall median salary. "Is the gap growing or shrinking? Are we just maintaining a steady competitive pace? That's where you really drill down to where the pressures come from," he said. "Are there enough changing dynamics in the national and regional marketplace that cause us to assess that we also need to make some movement? That's why this time we're looking to make salary adjustments."

Bev Schenkel, dean of enrollment management, said one of the University's goals now is to share the new rates with newly

dents and their families. Updated financial aid packages, which will reflect the increases, will be sent to future students later this month.

"We tell them they need to expect new fees beforehand, so it's not a complete shock," Schenkel said. "The earlier we can communicate this to them, the better."

Compared with other Missouri school tuitions, Northwest sits about in the middle.

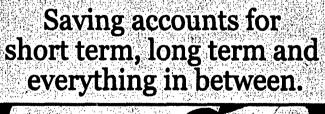
Hubbard said institutions that hold their tuitions at a fixed rate for years at a time, such as Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Mo., do not tend

enrollment numbers.

Courter said being in the middle range of tuition and fee costs is something in which the University takes pride.

"We're not too high; we're not too low," he said. "It gives us enough resources to have sound programs and some occasional stellar programs. That's how we assess our position.

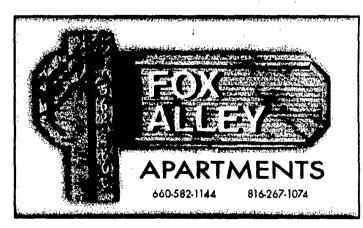
We feel comfortable there. Everybody that seems to hear all of this, whether it's a student group or the Board of Regents themselves or members of our own staff, everybody seems comfortable that it's the right place to be."

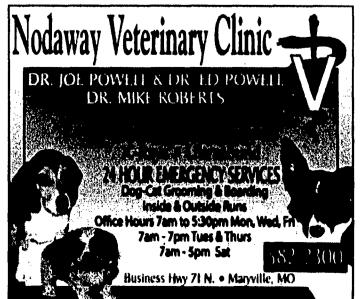




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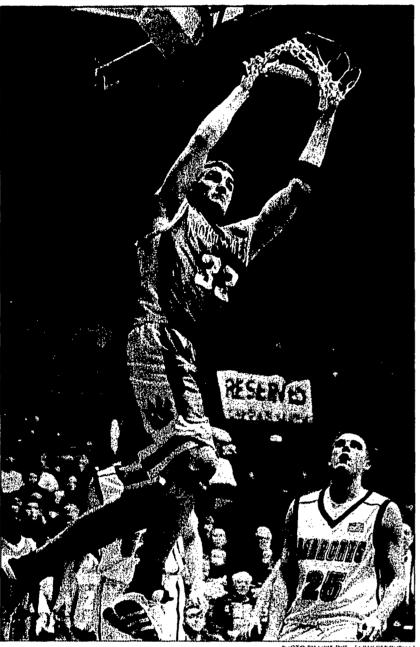






South Central Regional Tournament—First Round No. 4 West Texas A&M vs. No. 5 Northwest At Meyer Sports Center, Bolivar, Mo. 6 p.m. Saturday, Tune in at 90.5/97.1 FM





NORTHWEST'S ANDY PETERSON dunks in an attempt to make a statement during a conference tournament semifinal loss Saturday to Southwest Baptist. Peterson and the Bearcats now turn to the playoffs which start Saturday in Bolivar, Mo.

# One dunk left?

### Cats hope they have enough to succeed in playoffs

By Jerome Boettcher S247132@nwmissouri.edu

It took awhile but the Northwest mens' basketball team received an at-large bid Sunday for the Division II Mens' Basketball Tournament.

Sunday, Northwest's region, the South Central region, was announced last but there was little doubt that Northwest (20-9) would make it.

"We were pretty sure," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "...I didn't see much of a way that we were going to get left out. I thought it was going to be a matter of what are seed was going to be."

Northwest is the fifth seed in the South Central region and will pay West Texas A&M, the fourth seed, at 6 p.m. Saturday on the campus of Southwest Baptist University, the host school, in Bolivar, Mo.

West Texas A&M, of Canyon, Texas, comes into the tournament as one of the hottest teams in the region. The Buffs (23-7) have won four straight games and they won their Lone Star Conference Tournament. They defeated Tarleton State, the No. 2 seed in the region, to win it.

"It's a tough draw, but I think our league (the MIAA)—playing in this league, we're used to playing tough teams," Tappmeyer said. "So I don't think it will be a deal where it just overwhelms you, that the talent knocks you back on your heels big time. I think it's just a matter of whichever team can go out and execute their stuff the best and play the best will have the best chance of winning, obviously."

Damien Lolar leads the Buffs in scoring with 17.1 points per game and Ronnie Homes averages 13.4 points per game.

West Texas A&M only has one player standing taller than 6'7" but the Buffaloes out-rebound their opponents by an average of three boards. Lolar leads West Texas A&M with 6.8 rebounds a game.

Northwest, on the other hand, struggles in that category. During conference games, the Bearcats have averaged five less rebounds than the opponent.

"Rebounds are always going to be a key thing," Northwest's Victor James said. "Rebounds are not so much about the height, it's about who wants it more. If they want it more than us, then we're going to be in trouble. But we've been working on that, we've been focusing on that previous to the conference tournament.

"We made some jumps in the tournament and we were still working on it (Monday) and pretty much through the rest of the week.

So we're going to make some big jumps and we're going to be ready to

go and get some boards."

Another thing Tappmeyer worries about is West Texas A&M's pressure defense. Northwest has only turned the ball over more than the opponent twice. However, Southwest Baptist's similar defense forced 17 turnovers during Northwest's conference tournament semifinal loss Saturday.

"(West Texas A&M) are a pressure, man to man defensive team that at times some of the pressure teams have bothered us some," Tappmeyer said. "At least it will not be something we haven't seen."

If Northwest wins they could see SBU for fourth time this season. SBU, the No. 1 seed, plays the eighth seed, St. Edward's out of Texas, in the first round Saturday.

Though the possibility of a rematch with SBU, who knocked Northwest out of the conference tournament, is possible, the coaching staff and players don't see any chance of looking past West Texas A&M and onto SBU.

"Our team this year, one of the big strengths I think has been a very mature team," Tappmeyer said. "Even when we were in the four-game losing streak it wasn't because we were not getting ready for games or overlooking anybody. I think this has been one of the better teams I have ever had as far as getting to the locker room, getting themselves ready to go before games and going out and taking games one

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## Long shot wants to end career on top at nationals

By Jerome Boettcher

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For a current Northwest All-American sprinter, it wasn't easy to attract attention from college recruit-

Alisha Samuel, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, wanted to come to the United States and run track, but she wasn't sure if she could find a school here that would gamble on a relativeunknown.

So she searched the Internet for colleges and universities that might be interested and sent e-mails to coaches telling them how much she wanted to run. The messages must have been pretty convincing, because she got a response back from former womens' track coach, Vicki Wooten,



Alisha Samuel nationals for third time

who offered her a scholarship. "She took

a chance with

me," Samuel said. "About a week before I left Trinidad one of my friends was like, 'Do you even

know where this school is?' So we started searching, and I couldn't find it. I didn't even know where Northwest was."

So if Wooten was taking a chance, Samuel also had a lot at risk. She came to Maryville not knowing anybody or anything-except that she wanted

"I got here, and I just started doing what I do best,"

Samuel said. "Then it was like, wow, I'm on posters, I have articles and stuff. I guess this was the right choice."

Samuel, a senior, is a twotime All-American in the 60meter dash on the indoor track and a three-time conference champion—something the humble athlete never expected to achieve.

"In Trinidad I was good in meets, and I might have won something, but it was like nobody says anything," Samuel said. "I come here and I win a couple meets, and if I come in second or third there is still something said about me. So it's different, but I'm dealing with it."

Coach Scott Lorek came to Northwest last year and immediately realized that Samuel

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### Women fall short at tourney

By Brendan Kelley S255676@nwmissouri.edu

game clock inside Municipal Auditorium and a Central Missouri State defender in her face, Northwest junior Katie O'Grady fired up a shot from behind the three-point arch.

The ball fell short of the basket and Mule fans erupted. O'Grady and the rest of the Bearcats stood in disbelief as they stared at the scoreboard which read Central 68, Northwest 66.

"I was really proud of the them," senior Meghan Blay way we approached the game and the attitude we took," KANSAS CITY-With Northwest coach Gene Steinne second showing on the meyer said. "I never once felt them get down even when we got down by double digits."

> The 'Cats trailed the Mules 43-31 at halftime of their firstround game in the MIAA tournament.

Northwest struggled hitting shots in the first half, only connecting on 36 percent of their shots, while Central knocked in 57 percent.

"We just had to adjust to who was hitting shots for

The lead grew to 14, 57-43 with 12:58 left to play in the second half and as Northwest went cold shooting from the field it appeared as though the game was all but over.

Then with 6:01 left to play in the second half, 'Cats freshman Lauren Williams was fouled going to the basket, putting her on the line shooting to free throws. Williams hit one of the two free throws, starting a 13-1 run for the 'Cats.

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NORTHWEST'S LINELLIS SANTIAGO-BERNIER fouls off a pitch Tuesday in a home game against Northern State University. Northwest won both games of the series and now sits at 6-3 on the season.

### Four head to last meet for men's team

By Brett Barger

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The indoor track season is over, but for four on the men's team one meet remains as they vie for a national championship Friday and Saturday at the Division II Indoor Championships in Boston.

Northwest men's track coach Richard Alsup said his quartet has a good chance of coming home All-Americans.

"All four of these kids have good opportunities to make All-American," he said. "The lowest-ranked athlete is Bayo (Adio), but quite frankly he's been the most consistent high jumper that I've ever had. I think if he jumps what he jumped to get into nationals, that he will be an All-Ameri-

Junior E.J. Falkner returns to Boston where he finished third in the 200-meter dash

and second in the 60-meter dash in 2005.

Falkner enjoyed earning All-American status last year, but is looking this year at a national championship.

"I feel strongly about my events and that I can be a national champion this year,"

Last week Falkner captured his first indoor MIAA championship with a firstplace finish in the 400-meter dash, breaking the school record with a time of 48.42 seconds.

Falkner is ranked sixth in the 200-meter dash and fifth in the 400-meter dash on the NCAA performance lists.

The preliminaries for the 200-meter dash begin at 7:20 p.m. on Friday with finals beginning at 4:28 p.m. on Saturday.

The preliminaries for the 400-meter dash begin at 5:30

p.m. on Friday with finals beginning at 3:20 p.m. on Saturday.

Junior Bayo Adio is making his first trip to the NCAA championships.

Adio, a transfer from Merrit College (Calif.), won the MIAA championship in the high jump with a jump of 6'9 3/4". Adio finished the regular season with four top-three finishes.

Adio is ranked 13th in the nation and will compete at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday.

Senior Travis MacKenzie will also be competing in his first NCAA meet, after finishing ninth in the weight throw at the MIAA championships

MacKenzie qualified late in the season, throwing a provisional mark of 59' 101/4" in the weight throw at the

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## Cats leave bite mark

By Meagan Murphy \$271010@nwmissouri.edu

The Northwest softball team might have hit a slump at the Missouri Western tournament last weekend, but not against Northern State University Tuesday.

"Today we did much better," head coach Susan Anderson said. "We had people in scoring position, for the most part we did come away with the key hits, and we did some nice base ruuning."

The Bearcats came out with a pair of wins in the doubleheader against the Wolves on Tuesday afternoon. The first game ended after the fifth inning due to the eight run rule with the score 9-0. An early end also came for the second game as the 'Cats wrapped it up 9-1 in the sixth inning.

It was the third time this season the 'Cats beat an opponent due to the eight-run rule.

Northwest pitcher Kelly Morris led the 'Cats through the first game, allowing the Wolves only four hits and striking out seven. Both teams remained scoreless until the fourth inning when Northwest junior Sarah Johnson got a hit to bring Amy Farrow home. During the bottom of the fifth Northwest senior Katy John hit a home run to score the final three runs of the game. The Wolves weren't able to score in the top of the fifth, giving the 'Cats a chance to chalk up a total of eight runs and end the game.

The first run for the 'Cats came earlier in the second game against the Wolves in the bottom of the first inning. Six runs were scored by the 'Cats

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### **TOURNEY:** Seniors' final game provides memories

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The run ended with senior Laura Friederich grabbing a steal and throwing the pass up court to O'Grady who found Blay. Blay knocked in a two-point jumper to knot the score up at 66 with 1:34 remaining in the game.

"We've played them three times this season," Central coach Dave Slifer said. "Every time we've had a lead and they've comeback on us. They just never say

With 35 seconds remaining, Slifer called a timeout to instruct his team on how to approach their final play of the game.

Steinmeyer stared at the difference between the shot and game clocks and told his team what play they were going to run when they got the ball back.

We knew we were going to get the last shot because of the difference in the shot clock and game clock," Steinmeyer said. "So, I went ahead and called a play at the timeout so, we wouldn't have to call one when we got the ball back and give Central time to setup their defense."

CMSU's Lindsey Maple shot a jumper with 17 seconds remaining. Northwest's Mandi Schumacher grabbed the rebound and appeared to have control of the ball when CMSU's Tiffany Vincent swept in and grabbed the ball from her hands.

Vincent laid the ball off the glass and into the basket giving the Mules the two point lead.

"I was right there watching it and it felt like slow motion," Blay said. "I thought Mandi had it no doubt and then it was like slow-mo, Tiffany grabbed it and put it in."

Northwest came down and ran the play Steinmeyer had called during the CMSU timeout. Friederich came loose off of a pick and

Friederich turned to find the lane to the basket wide open and put the ball on the

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floor. Right before she could put up the shot CMSU's Anna Rorvig fouled her.

The Mules had a foul to give so the foul kept the 'Cats from scoring and gave them the ball on the sideline with six seconds

"We had a play called and Laura was going to have a great look, then they fouled her because they had that foul to give," Steinmeyer said. "That's really good coaching on Dave's (Slifer) part to recognize the fact that he had the foul

"I think that Dave's coaching had a lot to do with the win, because a lot of coaches wouldn't recognize that foul to give."

Steinmeyer called back to back timeouts to try and set up a play to win or tie the game.

The inbounds pass went to O'Grady. O'Grady tried frantically tried to free herself from her defender or find an open teammate, but neither worked and with one second left O'Grady released the last shot of Northwest's season.

For Blay and Friederich the loss is the last time they will ever step onto the court wearing a Northwest jer-

Blay scored 12 points in her final game as a 'Cat and Friederich knocked in 16.

While the loss may have ended their season and career at Northwest, it was still the type of game they wanted to go out on.

'It hasn't hit me yet. That game was probably the most fun I've had playing with my team in a long time. We were fired up and we were so full of enthusiasm and energy and that's what basketball is all about," Blay said. "Coach always says that you just have to get that last second shot and we got the last second shot it just doesn't fall sometimes, it's no one's fault. It's no good to lose, but that's the kind of game we wanted to play with total heart and



SOUTHWEST BAPTIST guard Sheldon Pace forces the ball out of Northwest Bearcat guard Mose Howard in the semi-finals held at Municipal auditorium in Kansas City. The Northwest Bearcats lost 65-63 in the

### **PLAYOFFS:** Team looks to extend season

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at a time. They'll have total respect for West Texas, I don't fear that at all."

SBU and Northwest join Central Missouri State and Truman State from the MIAA in the region. Truman, the sixth seed, faces CMSU, the third seed, Saturday. While second-seeded Tarleton State and seventh-seeded Central Oklahoma play in the first round, also.

If Northwest wins Saturday they would play the winner of

the SBU/St. Edward's game at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. If they won the semifinal matchup they would play at 7 p.m. Tuesday for the regional championship and the right to advance onto the Elite Eight in Springfield,

Northwest has been a different team since the fourgame losing streak but they have regained some of that ground they lose before. The coaches and players believe this team has the potential but they think they still need to take care of some things before heading into the playoffs.

Northwest's Addae Houston thinks they could be playing better but the time until Saturday will help them freshen up on basic things.

"We're taking this week right now to get back some of the things we've been good at in the past," Houston said. "... We're looking to take turnovers down, get back to winning the battle on the rebound. Taking care of those things I think will put us in good position to win that game (against West Texas A&M) and go further."

## 'Cats get burned on road trip

By Jerome Boettcher S247132@nwmissouri.edu

The members of the Northwest baseball team might have gotten tans during their trip to beautiful Florida and Ala-

they got burned. Northwest played seven games in a span of seven days but the Bearcats came out of the trip with a disappointing

bama, but on the playing field,

2-5 record to start the season. However, things can turn around as the team hosts a six-game homestand, starting Thursday and running through Wednesday.

"Staying on the beach is a good thing for the kids, but it's also a bad thing because we are out playing in the water and in the sun all day; it's kind of a distraction," coach Darin Loe said. "But it is a good team building experience for us, so hopefully that brought as closer together as a team.

"It's always nice to have that last at-bat ... obviously it's much nicer playing at

After going 1-3 against West Florida, Northwest played three games against the University of Montevallo the last half of the week. They dropped the first game 8-7, then picked up a 6-4 win, but lost the last game 12-7.

Pitching woes were significant for Northwest as opponents walked 27 times and the 'Cats hit opposing batters 12 times during the stretch. Northwest also struck out 38 times and gave up 15 errors defensively.

"I think the biggest thing is that we came out a little bit inconsistent," Loe said. "You've got to give it to your opponent, too. West Florida and Montavello, both got a lot of games under their belt. They've kind of worked out these kinks that we're going

through right now."

Offensively Northwest also saw some inconsistency. The 'Cats scored seven or more runs four times but three of the 'Cats losses during the trip were by one run.

"We just got to get one more big hit," Loe said. "... We just got to get that one more big hit, drive in a few more runs and get some confidence in our abilities."

Northwest will have a chance to regain that confidence as they host Rockhurst (6-3) at 1 p.m. today at Bearcat Field. The game had been scheduled for Wednesday but it was pushed back due to the possibility of inclement weather.

"We've always had tough games against Rockhurst," Loe said. "... We've got to bring our good game against them. We're not hitting on all cylinders right now so it's going to be a battle on Thursday."

### Eagles move on in sectionals

By Cole Young S233334@nwmissouri.edu

It isn't often a basketball team can turn the ball over 23 times and shoot less than 40 percent from the field and still pull out a victory.

Let alone a 17-point win.

That wasn't the case Tuesday night when the Jefferson boys' basketball team advanced in the Missouri Class 1 State playoffs with a 53-36 win over South Holt.

The Eagles led from the opening tip-off and moved on easily in the sectional match up at the Missouri Western State University Fieldhouse.

"Defensively I thought our intensity was very good," Jefferson coach Tim Jermain said. "On offense we struggled a little bit."

The Eagles (29-0) saw their lead cut to nine points midway through the fourth quarter, but their trapping defense gave them a 13-point halftime lead. The 17-point win was only the second time they won by less than 20 points during the year.

Part of Jefferson's trouble came from the pressure put on the Eagles in the paint. The squad's leading scorer Kody Schieber was held to just two points in the first three quar-

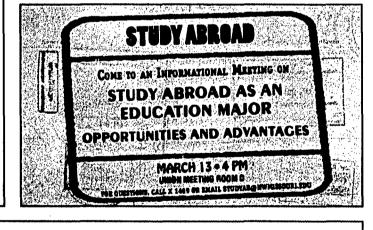
"I think they did a really good job in their zone of really taking away the middle of the floor," Jermain said. "We really struggled to get the zone penetrated, and they're really athletic in there."

Jefferson was forced to look outside for shots early in the contest. From the three-point line, they hit only 20 percent of their shots (4-20). Once Jefferson got into the paint, however, they were dominant. They outrebounded the Knights 40-19.

Jared Dowis led the Eagles with 16 points and eight rebounds. Matthew Jenkins scored 11. Up next for the topranked Eagles is a match up with Stet (22-5) at 8:15 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Arena in Maryville.

The winner of that contest advances to the state semifinals against either Silex or New Franklin.

"We just have to keep playing good defense," sophomore guard Adam Henry said. "If we can keep playing our game I think we will be OK."



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### Northwest wrestles with ideas

By Andrew Glover S270230@nwmissouri.edu

Northwest graduate student David Nugent had a vision for a rebirth of wrestling at Northwest.

He wanted to give former wrestlers a second chance to compete as well as newcomers a chance to experience.

Nugent began organizing Northwest's first wrestling club last year. The program would be the first since Northwest got rid of their competitive wrestling program in 1988.

The organization had a strong turnout to begin the season with around 30 people coming out. Nugent said the numbers dwindled down to around 15 after some members realized how much work was involved.

The team doesn't compete in a conference but is apart of a national organization.

Nugent said the organization is apart of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association. Which is the governing body for wrestling programs across the country.

Northwest didn't only wrestle against other club teams, but also wrestled against teams with higher competition levels such as Kansas and Kansas State Nugent said.

The team was unable to host any tournaments due to the lack of a wrestling mat, which Nugent said will be donated by a Northwest alumnus for next year.

Alumni also accounted for numerous donations that funded the team throughout the season.

"The main source of funding was through alumni donations and the Missouri Wrestling Association, which is headed by high school coaches throughout the state, that helped quite a bit," Nugent said. "They gave us some initial money, once we qualified wrestlers for nationals they chipped in some additional funds."

The squad would need funds to help with their travels to the conference and national tournaments held in Fort Worth, Texas and Grand Rapids, Mich., respectively.

Nugent said they sent seven wrestlers to the conference tournament and five moved on to the national tournament.

Chris Schwartz was one of those wrestlers who advanced to the national tournament.

Going into the conference tournament Schwartz had a sub .500 winning percentage but ended up taking first at the conference tournament to even up his record.

He took that momentum into nationals and ended up achieving a fifth-place finish, which Schwartz felt was very gratifying.

Schwartz, who wrestled at the 125-pound weight class, wrestled alongside Nugent in high school in Kirksville, Mo.

### Career, life cut short for Puckett

Andrew Glover

"And we will Oh, Don't you know? see you...tomorrow night."

Those words will forever ring a special tune to those who loved the Minnesota Twins and even more the Twins center fielder, Kirby Puckett.

Puckett stepped into the batters box to

lead off the 11th inning in Game Six of the 1991 World Series, the score was tied at three. The Atlanta Braves' hurler, Charlie Leibrandt delivered Puckett three pitches before Puckett connected on Leibrandt's fourth pitch, sending it over the left-field fence for a walk-off home run.

Puckett chipped in during Game Seven to help the Minnesota Twins win their third World Series, second in five years.

Puckett, who spent his entire professional career playing for the Minnesota Twins, died Monday after a stroke he suffered Sunday.

He was 45. I was taken back by word that Puckett had passed away, this was a guy who, I honestly feel attracted me to baseball.

As a kid who was born in and spent part of their my life in Minnesota, this really hit home.

I have had the honor to see Puckett twice in my life, once in downtown Minneapolis, while at a parade celebrating the 1991 World Series.

The other time was at my middle school when he came with former Twins' LaTroy Hawkins and Doug Mientkeiwicz.

Puckett, who had his life cut short, fell victim to a career cut short. As he stood in the batters box in his last at-bat of the season, he was beaned by a pitch thrown from Cleveland's Dennis Martinez in the jaw. During spring training, Puckett woke up and was unable to see out of his right eye, and was later diagnosed with glaucoma, forcing him to retire in 1996.

This event will make it a Minnesota. has passed.

lic address announcer Bob Casey died just before last season. Casey was the voice of the Twins' and was greatly missed. He was also the one who made famous the introduc-

tion as Puckett stepped up to the plate. Casey would get on the PA and vigorously say, "Now batting, Kirbeeeeeeee PUCK-it," which would be followed by a loud

> faithful. Puckett attained quite a resume as a Twin, upon retirement he held records in hits, doubles, total bases, runs and at-bats.

> roar from the Metrodome

In 1997, Puckett's jersey number, 34, was retired by the club. He was a six-time All-Star and a 10-time Gold-

Most importantly, he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001, where plaque praises his, "ever-present smile and infectious exuberance."

Puckett was the Michael lordan of the state of Minnesota. I can remember in little league everyone wanted to have the No. 34. Playing in the outfield became something that everyone wanted to play and much to the dismay of many little league coaches, his high leg kick was imitated to the tee by just about every kid.

Puckett once said, "Don't take anything for granted, because tomorrow is not promised to any of us."

I truly believe Puckett lived that way, he had an infectious smile and a love for the game as well as life. As I watched "Baseball Tonight," Tim Kurkjian said that you couldn't walk into the Twins' clubhouse and not see Puckett smiling or cracking jokes.

Puckett did have his tro ble off the diamond, but I still feel that he was an outstanding ambassador for the game of baseball and to the state of

second straight season that a ' - "His time came way too member considered family early," said Twins' General to the Twins' organization . Manager Terry Ryan in a story on ESPN.

### SOFTBALL: Seniors tie, break records while team keeps winning



KELLY MORRIS winds up during one of Northwest's two victories Tuesday in Maryville. continued from 1B

before the Wolves managed to score their only run of the series in the fifth inning. The Wolves had a couple chances to score when bases were fully loaded but weren't able to punch out the final key hits.

Lauren Lakebrink pitched for the 'Cats until the top of the fifth inning before freshman Cola Krueger relieved her. Krueger pitched until the sixth inning and prevented the Wolves from scoring additional runs. This game also ended early when Johnson added another hit to once again bring Farrow home and score the final ninth run.

John broke a new school record for the number of steals in a career. In the first game she matched the previous record of 47 steals, and in the second she stole one more time to set the new

"It's nice, it was obviously one of

close last year, I only had to have four to tie, five to break," John said.

my goals this year...cause I was so

John felt that she performed much better during this series then in the past few tournaments.

"I finally kind of relaxed and went in there and just did what I knew how to do," John said.

Last week in the tournament at Missouri Western senior Ashley Pride tied the record for the number of home runs in a career. Angie McCoy hit 24 home runs establishing the previous

Next for Northwest are two MIAA doubleheaders in a row against Emporia State University and Washburn University. Northwest plays at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10 at Bearcat Field against Emporia. At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 Northwest will also be at home to take on Wash-

### **SAMUEL:** Female trackster heads to third national meet

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was special. He said she was always eager to learn and then to teach what she had learned to others.

"When we had our camp this summer, I had her working with the kids in the sprint events and starting blocks and, yeah, she had them pretty well riveted," Lorek said.

During her sophomore season, Samuel made it to nationals, where she surprised even herself with a fifth-place finish in the 60-meter dash. The next year she went back to nationals, in Boston, and placed eighth in the 60 with a time of 7.69. It was her second straight All-American finish (the top 10 in each event earn All-American status).

She has one last chance at nationals as she competes in the 60-meter dash this weekend in Boston. She is the lone representative for the womens' team. Samuel is coming off the conference indoor championships where she finished third in the 60-meter dash. It marked the first time she didn't win the conference championship in her career, ending a threeyear streak.

Preliminaries for the national meet begin Friday, and if she makes it through the preliminaries, she will race in the finals Saturday.

The week after indoor track ends, outdoor season begins. She will then turn attention towards outdoor track as the Alabama Relays start off the new season on March 18-19 in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

I'm going to be really, really focused," she said. "I've never been All-America in outdoor."

After this year ends, Samuel plans to head back to Trinidad and Tobago where she wants to start her own restaurant. However, she is also considering a career in

coaching. Regardless of the career path she chooses, those at Northwest will miss her.

"I just wish she wasn't going to graduate - well, in a good way," Lorek said. "I wish I had more than just two years with her."

Despite what she decides, "Now outdoor is where Samuel has the satisfaction of knowing her gamble paid off, though she knows she will have mixed emotions when her Bearcat days end this

"I'm going to be happy and sad," she said. "But at the same time I'm going to be like, 'I've made it.' It's going to be bittersweet."

### **BOSTON:** Four lead men to nationals

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second.

MIAA championships, placing

MacKenzie attributes his improvement to hard training in the offseason.

"Last year was an off year for me athletically," he said. "I didn't train very well and it showed in my results. This year I trained hard in the offseason and in the summertime, so things have paid off."

MacKenzie is ranked seventh in the nation, and will compete at noon Friday.

Junior Eric Isley finished 2006 with an MIAA championship in the 800-meter run, setting a conference championship record with a time of 1:52.48.

Isley also netted five topthree finishes including three first-place finishes.

He is ranked fifth in the nation and will compete in the preliminaries at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with the finals slated for 3:56 p.m. Saturday.





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# Your Man says to act patriotically, or else



Your Man is issuing a warning to all his readers. Stop your terrorist-like activities because the White House is already tapping your phones.

You see, Congress just passed a renewal of the 2001 Patriot Act, which grants (in Your Man's opinion) far too much power to the executive branch of the government in order to "protect" us from terrorism.

At the time of this article, President Bush had not signed the bill, but he has supported of the Patriot Act since the

beginning because it protects him from the evildoers.

For example, under the new bill, the Patriot Act will limit the amount of medicines containing pseudoephedrine, a common ingredient in cold medications and a chemical used in producing methamphetamine.

Now Your Man isn't saying that meth is a good thing, but the last time he checked the terrorists seemed to use a slightly different approach when they attacked the U.S. A plane.

However, it seems the next time they're just going to try selling meth to little kids after school. Maybe we can see the return of cheesy after-school specials.

Your Man can see it now. They'll play up the stereo-

types. The drug dealer will be olive-skinned, wearing a giant turban and burning an American flag. The children will all be blond-haired, blueeyed boys and girls that would make Hitler squeal in delight.

They might have an African American kid in there too, just so they look politically correct, but that kid probably won't say anything and just nod in the back of the group.

In the end, all of the kids will learn that people from the Middle East are terrorists and the Patriot Act is protecting them from dangers such as drugs and privacy.

Your Man thinks we're approaching this anti-terrorism thing the wrong way.

He should have sent in his article from Feb. 9. In it, he explained that terrorists like

breasts. Using this information, Congress and George W. Bush could have ensured that the sale of boobs is limited.

If people can't buy breasts, there goes the porn industry, and, eventually, all terrorist organizations will fall. True, there will be some casualties, but we'll manage to get by. That's why everyone stockpiles their "National Geographic" collection. As the supply of "Jugs" dries up, we can turn back to the days of peeking at women in third world countries who don't wear shirts.

Instead the administration seems to have taken the route of tapping phone lines, getting warrants without judicial approval and general decay of American civil liberties.

You see, this country was

founded on the idea of checks and balances within the government. However, the Patriot Act upsets this system by granting a large amount of power to

the executive branch. Bush probably wanted this bill passed because he couldn't understand the system as it stood before. Now he can pretty much do whatever he wants to.

Of course, he'll have to keep an eye on his abysmal polls if he wants to have a shot at reelection in 2008.

Your Man just doesn't have the heart to tell him that there's a presidential term limit. He'd rather not see the U.S. Constitution undermined again.

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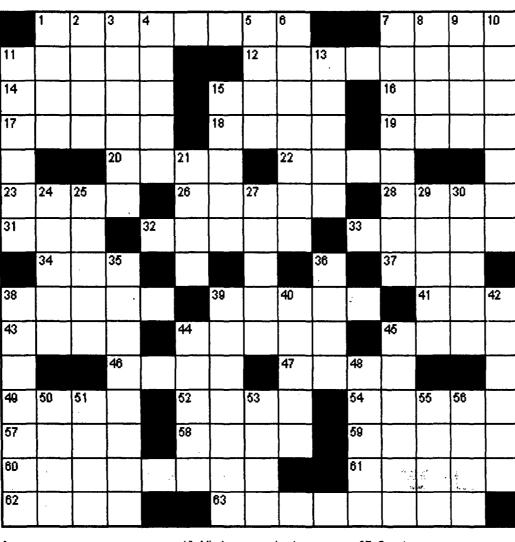
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- Do not travel with illegal substances.

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- sure you practice safe sex.

  Never leave an intoxicated friend.

  Be careful following people you don't know back to hotel rooms, parties, homes, etc.

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### **Equation solved:** Cast makes movie

By Whitney Bocquin S257076@nwmissouri.edu

Proof fails to support the audience's search for a stimulating film. The movies success is based solely on the talent of the actors.

Robert, played by Anthony Hopkins (Silence of the Lambs, Alexander), spent the majority of his life working on proofs to mathematical equations, which he later taught to Hal,

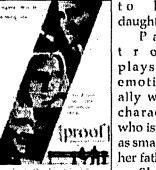
played by Jake Gyllenhaal (October Sky, Brokeback Moun-Gwyneth Paltrow (Shallow

Hal, Shakespeare in Love) gives a memorable performance of Catherine, who is dealing with the death of her mentally unstable father who was a well-known mathematician.

After Robert's death, Catherine faces difficulties with her sister who is in charge of taking care of things and with Hal, who is falling in love with her.

Throughout the movie, Catherine slowly recognizes that she has developed signs of mental instability herself and is set to prove that she has just as much talent in the field of mathematics as her father did.

Similar to the plot of A Beautiful Mind, Proof depicts the genius of an insane man whose ideas are passed down,



daughter. P a 1 trow plays an emotionally weak character who is just as smart as her father. She is

constantly being reas-

sured and "picked up" by her lover and sister. She never really stands on her own unless she is working on her mathematical proofs.

What I liked about the movie was the passion of the performance from the cast.

The chemistry between the main characters gives the audience an idea of how they each felt.

On the downside, the movie was fairly slow and there wasn't a direct climax. There weren't any specific high or low points and the plot line was flat.

The flashbacks in the movie are also very indirect. At times, it becomes confusing when the flashbacks are intertwined with the pres-

Proof is not a light-hearted movie. If you are looking for a movie that provokes thought and a good nap, this is the movie for you.



### Editor's Flick Picks

Each week a Missourian staffer will entice you to broaden your viewing pleasure with their favorites. This week is Evan Young, University News Editor.

#### North By Northwest

From the vaults of the often imitated, never duplicated "Master of Suspense" Alfred Hitchcock, comes a clever tale of mistaken identity starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint.

Grant plays Roger Thornhill, a quick-witted advertising executive mistaken by enemy spies as a U.S. undercover agent who doesn't exist. Fearing for his life, Thornhill begins a suspenseful journey across America to find the answers, stopping at the United Nations to be framed for murder, sharing an extra-long smooth with Eve Kendall (Saint) on a train trip to Chicago and running from a crop dusting plane in a field outside the Windy City. Finally, after several surprise twists and turns, he winds up coming (literally) face-to-face with the U.S. presidents on Mount Rushmore during the film's heart-stopping

I'll admit, I'm a fan of old movies, but you don't have to be one to enjoy this classic. The suspense is just as intense as any of today's action movies, and you get the perk of hearing master composer Bernard Herrmann's (think Psycho) hair-raising score.

It's difficult to rank my favorite movies, especially when the top two are Hitchcock films and are, in my mind, interchangeable.

Though not as well known as Psycho or The Birds, Rope was (and still is) one of Hitchcock's most unique pictures. It tells the story of two young men, Brandon and Philip, who, out of nothing more than curiosity, strangle their colleague, David. Rather than dispose of the body, the two choose the dangerous route and shove. David into a book trunk, then proceed to host a dinner party using the trunk to serve the food. To add to their "adventure," Brandon and Philip invite David's father, aunt and fiancé, all of who become extremely worried about his absence. However, they also invite their former professor, Rupert Cadell (James Stewart), who slowly begins to unravel the boys' mur-

derous scheme. What is most fascinating to me about this movie is that it was shot in only nine continuous takes, which means there were only a handful of between shots.

### **Best In Show**

Cary Grant again stars in this classy, Hitchcockesque mystery. This time, however, it is the young, chic Audrey Hepburn who plays the "wrong-

Charade

fully accused." She plays Regina Lambert, an American in Paris who returns from a ski holiday to find out her husband, Charles, has been murdered. She also learns he possessed \$250,000 in stolen government money from World War II, and the government wants it back. Regina's troubles multiply when her husband's old military pals, who had a hand in obtaining the money, also begin to stalk her for the money. Unable to locate it, with no idea on where it could possibly be, Regina enlists the help of the suave Peter Joshua (Grant), whom she met on holiday. He promises never to leave her until she finds the money. But can she trust him? Or is he just another impostor?

Director Stanley Donen created a masterpiece that covers a wide spectrum of genres complete with Henry Mancini's infectious score. It's a very clever and sophisticated film-the way I like them.

Directed by Christo- . pher Guest, of Spinal Tap fame, this side-splitting comedy is required viewing for all dog-lovers. The oddball owners

and handlers of five show dogs venture to Philadelphia for the Mayflower Kennel Club Dog Show. The movie is structured like a behind-the-scenes documentary, following the cast of characters, which features the hilarious Eugene Levy and Fred Willard, as they move from one antic to the next. Drama unfolds as show time nears in the form of a maxed-out credit card, a twisted ankle and a lost squeaky toy. But who will win the coveted best in show trophy? As the movie progresses, we really have to wonder who this show is for, the dogs or their owners?.

To add to the documentary atmosphere, Guest included "interviews" with the owners and handlers, all of who give outlandish commentary about both themselves and their dogs. You may think you have a special attachment with man's best friend, but until you see Best in Shore, you have no idea.

#### **Deconstructing Harry**

An all-star cast fills up my fifth favorite movie, actor/director Woody Allen's Deconstructing Harry, starring Allen, Kirstie Alley, Billy Crystal, Demi Moore and Robin Williams, to name a few.

Allen plays Harry Block, a successful novelist who makes his personal life the subject of his work-and does little to disguise it. When his close friends (and three exwives) discover his latest novel contains juicy details about them, they give him the cold shoulder. When Harry learns his old college that expelled him wants to honor him he develops writer's block. Suddenly, the characters and scenes from his novels come alive, offering advice on how to regain his friends' respect. Harry soon begins to see just how much his writing has affected those around him, especially his son.

Deconstructing Harry is Allen's most underrated film. Critics feel it does not live up to the standards he set with some of his "better" films, such as Annie

But what appeals to me is Harry's involved and complex plot; it's not for the faint of mind.

### And the winners are...



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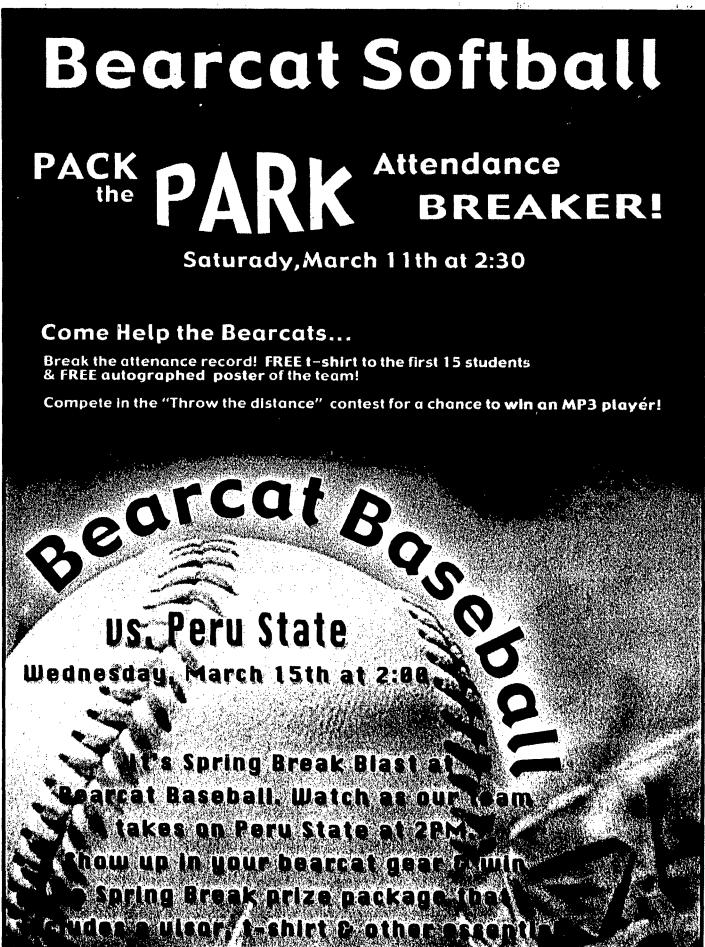
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**Animated Short Film** The Moon and the Sun: An Imagined Conversation Live Action Short Film



NW Freshman Cody Lilly takes small steps when fitting the puzzle pieces of college together while coping with a life altering

disability.



By Ashley Bally S255035@nwmissouri.edu

It happened when he was just a kid. His family was vacationing on the East Coast taking in the sun, sand

He never suspected something was waiting for him beneath his floating body in the clear blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

Suddenly, the predator beneath his body launched through the water and took hold of his legs.

Freshman Cody Lilly has a wild imagination and uses humor to ease eopie into nis real story

### The missing piece

Lilly developed spinal meningitis when he was just 18-months-old. After a while the condition began to cut off the circulation to his feet. In order to prevent the disease from spreading any further the doctors were forced to amputate his feet just below his ankles.

Spinal meningitis is highly contagious through the respiratory system and circulates through the spinal fluid between the brain and spinal cord.

Lilly hadn't even reached his second birthday when he developed the disease. He had not learned how to walk before the surgery, so his first steps were taken with prosthetic

"I got prosthetics shortly after the surgery and I learned how to walk with the prosthetics so I never really knew how any other way," Lilly said. "So, I get along better than most people in my situation."

Lilly considers himself to be fortunate that it happened so early in his life.

"Most people, if they have an amputation or lose a limb or whatever, they are usually older and are used to having it there," Lilly said. "They have to learn how to do everything over again. So, it's harder for them, but since I started out with it, I get along really well."

Since the surgery he has only had to have one other operation.

"I had to have a growth plate reduction in the bottom of my leg," he said. "The bones in my leg were starting to grow out from my knee."

Lilly received new prosthetics every year up until he turned 18. He got them from the Shriners Hospital in St. Louis and they paid for everything.

They are really expensive," he said. "They cost about 10,000 a piece, if I needed a new set now I would have to go through Medicaid."

### Living incomplete

The transition from high school to college has thrust Lilly into a bit of uncharted territory.

Lilly graduated from high school with 81 other students, in Clarinda, Iowa. In a small town it was easy to know everyone so his disability didn't play a major role in the way people reacted to him.

At Northwest people who don't know him respond differently and it has taken some adjustment.

"Being here has been a little bit different because not everyone knows me and they don't know that I am cool with it," Lilly said. "So when I am walking by they just stare at me kind of wondering what's going on there. Not a lot of people have come up and asked me about it."

Most people are afraid of asking questions because it might be a sensitive subject or inappropriate, according to Lilly.

"There have been a couple people who have asked me about it and I have fed them the shark story just to break the ice," Lilly said.

Lilly approaches each question with a sense of humor. He wants people to know that it is his life and he is comfortable with it.

It is easy to see Lilly's lighthearted nature in his stories and in little things like his AOL Instant Messenger name, LillywithoutLegs.

"When I was a kid my friends and I would joke around and they would take my legs at recess," he said. "I have locks on them now."

Lilly's friends accept him for who he is and recognize, each of them

have faults. 'Il's just something unique about him," neighbor Jason Donnell said.

"(The teasing) is just how we show affection for each other." The only negative reaction he received about his surgery he doesn't remember. It was from his older

brother, when his older brother was six and Lilly just had the operation. "He was freaking out about it," Lilly said. "He didn't want me to come back if I didn't have legs. I don't really remember it but from what I have been told he was freaked out

#### about it for a while." Just the same

"I have only been offended really once," Lilly said. "There was a couple walking out in front of me at the Station one night, and the girl got mad at her boyfriend for not holding the door open for the 'crippled guy.' So, I got kinda upset cause I don't like that word. It doesn't stop me from doing anything."

Lilly considers himself to be no different than anyone else on campus.

"I could get a handicapped sticker for my car if I really wanted to, but I don't because I don't need it," he said. "I don't think of myself as handicapped."

In middle school, Lilly played football and basketball. The only things that manage to slow him down are steep angles and lots of stairs.

They slow him down, but they don't stop him.

"As a group we treat him as a normal person," Donnell said. "We rely on him to tell us if he can't take the stairs or something."

### Piecing it together

Lilly finds his passion in life through the world of music. In the eighth grade Lilly and his best friend purchased instruments and changed their lives forever. He bought his first guitar and taught himself to play.

"It all started with me and Steve when we first heard Blink 182 in middle school and we thought 'wow' these guys are hilarious," he said. "We decided then, 'we have to do this."

Last summer Lilly and his friends established an official lineup and formed their band, Save the Empire.

Their sound has changed a lot since the early eighth grade influences of Metallica, Green Day and the Beach Boys. They consider their influences to follow an edgier feel with bands like Saosin and Silverstein.

"It would be nice to be able to do the band thing for a living," he said. "I'm not in it for the money or anything but if we didn't have to do anything but play music that would be pretty awesome."

Save the Empire plans on touring next summer, and they have played shows in St. Joseph, Mo., Council Bluffs and Des Moines, Iowa.

They will be playing an oncampus show with a few other local bands April 12 at Phillips Hall. The funds will go to raise money for AIDS awareness.



CODY GRABS a bite to eat at the local Taco Johns in Maryville, while his friends wait at a table. A DETAIL shot of Cody's legs. He was 2 years old when he received his first set of prosthetic legs. He has to get a different set every 5 years. CODY PRACTICSS with the lead singer of their band Save the Empire. Cody has been playing the guitar for the past 5 years.